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Speaker ends ban on incomes policy 'blacklist' questions

' questions to ministers about Government's pay policy acklist" are no longer to be d out of order, the Speaker ounced yesterday. Mr Hatters- Secretary of State for Prices Consumer Protection, said last t that there was no question of the Government's being outside the law in taking action against companies. In the Court of Appeal a company of electrical contractors, threatened with Government sanctions if it honoured a pay agreement, tried to stop a selective strike by the electricians' union.

Victory for Tory backbenchers

orge Clark
al Correspondent

servative backbenchers have been trying to get ers to disclose which mies are on their depart- l "blacklists" won a con- ble victory yesterday the Speaker, Mr George as, announced that ques- on the subject would no be ruled out of order.

said it would no longer alistic to continue the ban tailed questions.

Treasury said last night he Government had taken minatory action against twenty firms where there een pay settlements out- he phase three 10 per cent lines.

Michael Latham, Conser- MP for Melton, who be given credit for raising sue long before his front- colleagues took much , indicated last night that lacklisted firms included: irely Smith, Knowle, Soli- W. Allport and Sons, n Coldfield; Brain Haul- rays, Essex; Delapré Pre- Engineering, Northamp- ire; High Speed Turnings, y, Liverpool; South Crofte line, Cornwall; and Hall ries, Warley, East Mid-

gave a list two months of five or six companies had been blacklisted by epartment of Health, who ed that contracts should e renewed and that exist- contracts should not be ted upwards to take nt of wage increases r than recommended.

Hattersley, Secretary of for Prices and Consumer ction, said in Oxford last that in taking action t companies that had made wage settlements outside the guidelines there can be no question of the Government acting outside the law.

"But within the law, we shall use our influence in what is clearly the national interest", he told the Oxford Labour Club. "If companies choose to operate in a way that is palpably against the public interest there can be no question of their being subsidized from public funds.

"I do not believe that the general public, rightly anxious for the success of our counter-inflation strategy, wishes the Government to use its taxes to subsidize companies whose policies stoke the fires of further inflation."

Mr Hattersley was preparing the ground for the Government's defence when the Conservatives launch their attack on the Government's "misuse of discretionary powers" in the Commons on Tuesday.

Mr John Nott, spokesman on trade, and Mr Nigel Lawson, who is one of the frontbench team on Treasury affairs, will lead for the Opposition. Mr Hattersley will speak for the Government.

The Conservatives demand that the Government should produce evidence of the legality of its action. They maintain that the Government has no parliamentary authority for the sanctions.

The Government maintains that Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave early warning that if companies settled outside the guidlines they could expect government retaliation.

That has taken the form of "blacklisting" companies and telling authorities, for example, local health executives, that no further contracts should be placed with the companies concerned.

The latest action has been the announcement of the intention to restrict the premiums of Sun Alliance and London Insurance, one of the biggest insurance companies in the City, under section 9 of the Counter-Inflation Act, 1973. That is being challenged in the courts.

Other action can include the withdrawal of government aid in development areas, the ending of payments under the Temporary Employment Subsidy Act, and the refusal of aid under the Export Guarantee Act.

The burden of the Opposition's complaint is that those discretionary powers are being used mainly against small companies, not against the international giants, like Fords, whose good will is courted by the Government.

Under phase three of the wages policy, which is the subject of no written agreement between the Government, unions or employers, and of no order passed by Parliament, companies are expected to be motivated by the Government's general guidance on the 10 per cent overall figure for wage settlements.

The Conservative Opposition, which might be thought to be in close touch with the CBI, chambers of commerce and small businessmen, has no definite information. Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues appear to be relying on press disclosures about the number of companies involved, but they are complaining about the Government's actions.

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ompany threatened by sanctions asks court to stop strike

vid Nicholson-Lord

controversy surrounding ons against companies have infringed the nment's pay policy med yesterday after a n firm of electrical con- s failed to get an injunc- t the Court of Appeal to it a selective strike by the cians' union.

case was deferred until y and the court stipu- that the union and the ment of Employment be invited to make entations.

strike, which was due to last night, was threatened union because of failure plement a pay award by both sides of the cal industry last Novem- The agreement was sus- d after the Department nployment warned the y that it would breach y guidelines and said that ns would be taken if it head.

company involved in the of Appeal case, Holliday said last night that three rs of its work lay in con- for central and local gov- nt, nationalized indus- and the health service. ons would have a devas- effect on its business and disrupt work in progress on the contracts.

The company denied that the award breached the guidelines but said that even if that were the case the Government was acting unlawfully because the pay policy had not statutory authority.

Yesterday's appeal before the court, presided over by Lord Denning, followed a refusal by Mr Justice Peter Pain to grant a temporary injunction against the union on Thursday.

The Department of Employment confirmed last night that it will be represented at Monday's resumed court hearing.

The pay award, which was agreed by the joint industry board representing both sides of the electrical contracting industry and which was due to operate from January 1, permits an increase of between 5 and 6 per cent on basic rates after allowing for consolidation.

There is also provision for a self-financing incentive bonus scheme, but with the important proviso that where such a scheme is not introduced there will be a "fall-back" increase in hourly rates ranging from 18p for a labourer to 26p for a technician.

The Department of Employment made known its disapproval of the claim on December 22. In a letter to the Electrical Contractors' Association it also gave warning of sanctions against firms that operated it.

On Tuesday the Government made it clear, in a parliamentary answer, that only a quarter of the industry's proposed scheme would be allowable.

The strike is being mounted against three big companies in the industry, Holliday Hall, Hayden Young's and Lillacres. The union said last night that some firms had paid the increase but others had not.

"We are still claiming that the pay award was an agreement", a union official said.

Holliday Hall, while emphasizing that it has no quarrel with the union, described the action as discriminatory. There were more than 3,000 firms in the electrical contracting industry, it commented. All its 2,000 site workers are union members.

At the Court of Appeal, hearing, Lord Justice Ormrod said that injunctions and trade unions formed an "explosive mixture" and that the delay might take some steam out of the situation.

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Léonide Massine, the choreographer (centre), with Peter Wright, Director of Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet (right), rehearsing La Boutique Fantasque for Stratford-on-Avon on Friday.

Israelis may propose dividing West Bank

By Louis Heren

Israeli diplomats are now suggesting that peace in the Middle East can best be achieved by a division of the West Bank.

There is no natural dividing line, but the most heavily-populated Arab area is in the north, in and about the Jenin, Tulkarm and Nablus triangle. This presumably would be awarded to Jordan.

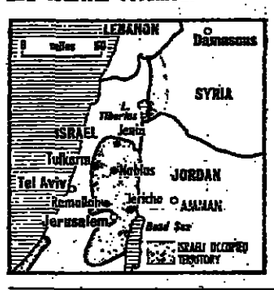
The remaining area, roughly south of Ramallah and Jericho, would become part of Israel. This is Samaria and Judea to which Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, has long laid claim.

The suggested division is for the future. The immediate task is to persuade President Sadat of Egypt to accept a screen of Israeli settlements south of the Gaza Strip.

Israel is now said to be prepared to withdraw from all Sinai, including Sharm el Sheikh, but is not prepared to remove the settlements. Visiting diplomats argue that negotiation means give and take, and President Sadat must be prepared to give if the negotiations are to achieve "mutual credibility".

Israel was not making a territorial demand. Egyptian sovereignty would be retained, and the settlers would observe Egyptian law although they would have their own police force.

Military forces would not be involved. Security would not be a problem once land communications between the two countries were reopened and trade and tourism resumed.



Nothing in 'Pencourt File' untrue or libellous, publishers' chief says

By Staff Reporters

Mr Tom Rosenthal, managing director of Secker and Warburg, the publishers of the controversial political book, *The Pencourt File*, said yesterday: "It is our view that there is nothing in this book that is libellous or untrue".

The book was published yesterday and has been serialized this week in the *Daily Mirror*. It deals with the complex and suspicious period of politics in Britain of two years ago.

The authors, Barrie Penrose and Roger Courtiour, wrote that the smear campaign against Mr Jeremy Thorpe and his subsequent resignation from the Liberal leadership influenced the timing of Sir Harold Wilson's decision to resign as Prime Minister.

Sir Harold has denied both in an interview with *The Times* this week and in a letter reproduced at the end of the book, that he cooperated with the two journalists throughout their investigations.

In the letter, written in November, 1977, to Mr Peter Blaker, Conservative MP for Blackpool South, who had raised the question of Sir Harold's fears about the security services in the Commons, Sir Harold said: "What happened was that Lord (Albert) Murray, then of my office, was approached by the BBC at a high level, asking me to see two young researchers *of theirs about South Africa*.

"Immediately afterwards Sir Charles Curran, director-general [of the BBC] came to see me just as he was leaving for a European conference, asking me to give them all the help I could, as they were legitimately researching on BBC account into these matters. They were present with him and I agreed to cooperate.

"Later he came to me, dissociating the BBC from their inquiries, on the grounds that while on the BBC payroll they were insisting on the right to publish a book in their own names, embodying research undertaken in BBC time and at BBC expense.

"I gave them no further assistance but saw them thereafter, when they informed me that they had gone independent, and also produced a story about an intended military takeover of the British Government."

Sir Charles Curran, in a letter to *The Times* yesterday, denied that he had introduced the two reporters to Sir Harold; they were freelance journalists who had offered their material to BBC television news in May, 1976, he said.

In the book the authors said Mr Penrose received a telephone call from Sir Harold's office in May, 1976, two months after he

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Frustration brings fear of violence in Wolverhampton

West Indians tense and nervous

By Robert Parker

Young West Indians in Wolverhampton are angry, frustrated and alienated and further outbreaks of violence there are feared.

Streets in West Indian districts are tense with nervous excitement and the inhabitants fear attacks by white gangs and police harassment.

Justified or not, the West Indians' resentment has been accumulating for some years. So strong is their distrust of all municipal bodies that the official version of events is never believed. Instead, rumours are taken as fact.

The resentment came to a head eight days ago when, at about 10.30 pm, 150 black youths went from the Crypt discotheque to the George public house, in the town centre, where some white youths had congregated.

About 12 policemen kept the two groups apart. Later, about half a mile away, after more police had arrived, fighting broke out. Five policemen were much more."

Two days after the disturbance council officials, community relations officers and voluntary groups met to discuss it. They decided that the incident was isolated and not a deliberate racial confrontation.

That is still the view of the official agencies, which point to "a quiet and troublefree period" during the past five to 10 years. Newspapers have been accused of exaggerating the incident.

But West Indians give a different version of events. The trouble that Friday night was expected, they say, and there is alleged to be a long history of harassment by the police.

Mr Stanley Faulkner, who runs the Harambee Association, which administers hostels for homeless West Indians, said: "The police have been at odds with blacks in Wolverhampton for years.

"There have been many previous incidents at schools and other places. Everybody knew there was going to be trouble on Friday. There will be more, much more."

Mr Faulkner, who is a West Indian respected by many young blacks, has in his files many reports which he says involve cases of police provoking trouble among the blacks.

The Harambee Association, the Indian Workers' Association and the West Midlands Caribbean Association, all withdrew from the police liaison committee last year because they said it was impossible to talk about individual cases.

Mr Lance Dunkley, chairman of the Caribbean association, said the official view was largely that a particular case was either sub judice or had been dealt with by the courts.

Two cases in Mr Faulkner's files seem to have caused particular resentment during the past year. The first was about an incident at the Birmingham

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Kensington site for Aga Khan sect

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

The controversial site by the Victoria and Albert Museum in Kensington, London, formerly reserved for the National Theatre, is to become the western headquarters of the Ismaili religion, a branch of Islam governed by the Aga Khan.

The Greater London Council announced yesterday that the Aga Khan Foundation's proposals for the site had been selected from a short list of possible developments and was considered the most suitable.

The GLC had advertised the site on a 99-year lease. The chosen building is a "jamatkhana" (a religious and cultural centre incorporating a mosque), which Mr Herbert Sandford, chairman of the GLC's central area planning committee, said would blend well with surrounding buildings.

It will include a prayer hall, a social hall and a reading room serving also as a council chamber for the Ismaili Supreme Council in Europe, Canada and America. There will also be gallery facilities for the Craft Advisory Centre. Part of Thurloe Square will have to be closed to traffic to allow access to car parks.

Mr Sandford added: "It is flattering that London should be chosen as their headquarters. Part of London's charm is that it consists of people from wide and varied backgrounds, and each group has over the years contributed its skills for the wellbeing of us all."

Eighth Army memories revived in Cairo

From David Watts
Cairo, Feb 3

One of the enduring symbols of the Anglican Church and of Britain's involvement in the Middle East passed into history this afternoon with the deconsecration before its demolition of All Saints' Cathedral on the Cairo corniche at a moving service that was as much a memorial for the thousands of officers and men of the British Army who worshipped there in war and peace.

The memory of the men who died in the Second World War ran like a poignant thread through the service.

"We especially remember those young people . . . who presented their bodies as sacrifice for us and from here went forth to death in the land of Egypt", intoned the Rev *Robert Brady*, chaplain of St Mark's Church, Alexandria, invoking the memory of the men of the Eighth Army who used to pack the cathedral to its doors during the war years.

They are commemorated in the Montgomery window, dedicated by the Field Marshal in the early 1950s, in the cathedral chapel.

The service, attended by Sir Willie Morris, the British Ambassador, and his wife, was conducted by the Right Rev Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop of Iran, with the Right Rev Ishaq Musaad, Bishop of Egypt, and the Rev Christopher Chetwynd of the Missions to Seamen, Port Said.

Those conducting the Arabic part of the bilingual ceremony were the Rev Aziz Wasif and the Rev Ghais Abdul Malik.

The loss of the cathedral must be seen against the background of a period of rapid change, without precedent, the presiding bishop told the congregation at a reception after the service. Christians should not mourn the loss but strive to keep their equilibrium amid such rapid transformations.

The Montgomery window, like the plaque commemorating Gordon of Khartum and a more elaborate one in memory of Sir Robert Hyde Grey, sometime British commissioner of the Egyptian public debt service, will be removed for safe keeping before being incorporated in the new cathedral.

Two brass screens flanking the green tapestry backdrop to the altar, presented by King Farouk and several tons of marble will also be incorporated in the new building.

Wood panelling from the cathedral has already been built into a new hall that will serve the new cathedral. The hall will be used for services until the completion of the new conical cathedral which is being built on the island of Zamalek in the Nile.

The dying cathedral, which was consecrated in 1938, brought comfort to many during a time of war. Ironically it is being displaced, albeit indirectly, because of a later war.

Demolition of the cathedral, a happy blend of Islamic and Christian architecture by Sir Adrian Gilbert Scott, will start on February 25. It will make way for the approach road to the new October 6 bridge, marking the October war of 1973.

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sensible compromise has worked out today. Bu- ith a good record in the are determined to put tter right", he said.

he added that an inquiry he implications of the should be held because clear that there were serious cases.

Morris, Under-Secretary e for the Disabled, wel- the assurance that did not wish to impose estrictions on accepting apped people.

Herr Schmidt reshuffles Bonn Cabinet

Herr Schmidt reshuffled his Cabinet yesterday to cushion the blow of the resignation of Herr Georg Leber, the Defence Minister. The inclusion of four young politicians rejuvenates Herr Schmidt's team and gives it a fresh start after the embarrassment of the Leber affair. Herr Hans Apel, the new Defence Minister, is understood to have resisted the appointment but eventually gave in to the Chancellor's urgings

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Estate Agents Bill

A Bill aimed at curbing the activities of dishonest estate agents was given a *second reading* in the Commons. It was supported by both front benches. The Estate Agents Bill, a private member's measure, is sponsored by Mr Bryan Davies, Labour MP for Enfield North

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Petrol prospects

Supplies of petrol are unlikely to run out, despite the overtime ban by tanker drivers over pay. Garages unaffected by the ban will probably be able to meet extra demand. As a last resort the oil companies would try to import fuel through Rotterdam

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Washington expels Hanoi man at UN

The United States is expelling Mr Dinh Ba Thi, Vietnam's representative at the United Nations, who was named but not charged earlier this week in a grand jury list of alleged conspirators in a spy case. It is the first such action against a permanent representative of the United Nations

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EEC-China trade agreement

Negotiations on the first trade agreement between the EEC and China have been concluded in Brussels after some delay over the wording of key clauses. The five-year agreement formalizes the most-favoured-nation treatment accorded to Chinese imports by the Community

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LT chief to go

Mr Kenneth Robinson, chairman of the London Transport Executive, is to retire early at the request of the Greater London Council. His contract expires in December but his job will be taken over next month by Mr Ralph Bennett, his deputy

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Steeplechasers die

Our Edition, one of the favourites for this year's Grand National, collapsed *and died after a steeplechase* at Sandown Park. There was another fatality in the race when Broncho II broke two legs and had to be put down

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Engineering pay talks founder

Negotiations aimed at reaching new national minimum rates for the engineering industry ended in failure. The outcome of the talks, which foundered on a difference of only £3 a week, could mean that the unions will scrap the national pay agreement and resort entirely to local bargaining

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Dealers back Leyland

Mr Michael Edwardes, British Leyland chairman, got a pledge of support from 2,000 dealers throughout the country. As the chairman announced three more senior management appointments, shop stewards met in Birmingham and laid down conditions for their continued support of Mr Edwardes's survival plan

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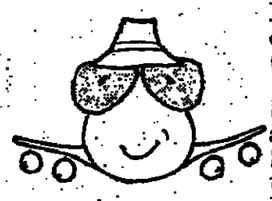
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HOME NEWS

Petrol is unlikely to run out, despite tanker drivers' ban

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

Petrol supplies seem assured despite the tanker drivers' overtime ban, which has reduced deliveries to affected garages by a third. As a last resort the oil companies would attempt to import fuel through Rotterdam.

Eight thousand drivers are protesting over a 10 per cent offer on earnings and a productivity deal worth about 5 per cent. The Department of Energy is in close touch with the oil companies on supplies.

Shell, Esso, BP and Texaco supply about 43 per cent of Britain's petrol needs. The remaining supplies are distributed through 37 other brand names. Business was reported brisk yesterday as motorists bought more petrol than usual, but few garages were running dry.

The affected oil companies are making clear that if the tanker drivers' action erodes petrol reserves, they will scrap their temporary support for retailers which holds prices down to stimulated demand.

Such an action would have political repercussions. Retailers would be forced to push up prices, since gross profit margins are already down in most cases to 1p or 2p a gallon. In 1974 the Price Commission accepted a profit margin of 6p a gallon.

Most garages hold up to a week's supply of petrol, and the reduction in supplies is having an impact on stocks. It appears, however, that even if the dispute is prolonged, unaffected garages will be able to meet most, if not all, the extra demand. Consumer resistance and slack economic conditions have depressed the market and there is a world petrol surplus.

The importing of fuel through Rotterdam in the event of a shortage in Britain is a longer-term possibility, and would clearly have implications for prices.

The Department of Energy has contingency plans for compulsory closure of garages on Sundays and further speed restrictions, but there is no early prospect of such measures being introduced. They would not save much fuel but would have a psychological effect on motorists.

The producers' scheduled price for a gallon of four-star petrol is around 65p a gallon, which includes 30p duty. The retailer must add 12.5 per cent value-added tax before including the profit margin.

Food prices: A warning that food prices would rise if the tanker drivers' overtime ban continued for another week was given by the Motor Agents' Association yesterday (the Press Association reports). A similar message from the road haulage industry was reported yesterday in *The Times*.

The association said fresh foods such as vegetables, fish and meat would be the first to be affected; later, tinned foods would also become more expensive.

A hundred pupils at Blunsdon St Andrew primary school, near Swindon, Wiltshire, were told to stay at home yesterday after supplies of central heating oil ran out. No further deliveries are expected until Monday at the earliest.

Four hundred pupils at Heatherlands School, Poole, Dorset, were also sent home.

South Wales strike: A settlement of the strike by 2,000 lorry drivers in South Wales is expected today.

A peace formula has been put to most of the drivers, and most of them appeared to be in favour. Their employers are also expected to agree to it.

Rail pension fund is buying art widely

The British Rail Pension Fund, which has built up a £20m investment in art since 1974, is constantly buying "on a number of different fronts", Mr Christopher Lewin, chairman of its works of art subcommittee, said in yesterday's issue of *Rail News*, the staff newspaper.

Its holdings include medieval manuscripts, Old Master paintings and drawings, classical antiquities, eighteenth-century French furniture and Chinese porcelain.

The working of the fund's art purchases has been secret but earlier this week it was disclosed that the company linking the fund with Sotheby's, its art advisers, was called Lexbourne Ltd, with offices near Sotheby's in Bond Street.

The investment policy was criticized by MPs at a Commons committee hearing on Wednesday and a government inquiry was sought by Mr Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley, East.

Works of art did not produce income but they might be as good, if not better, than investments that did, Mr Lewin said. Statistics showed that over the past 25 years art produced a higher return than ordinary shares, taking account of capital and accumulated income.

Mr Lewin denied that any conflict of interest existed between the fund and Sotheby's which often acted as auctioneer in cases where it was advising the fund to buy.

He said the fund could not put a market value on its holdings each year for the annual accounts, so the collection was shown at cost price even though prices had risen since 1974. Two fifths of the fund's works of art were on view at museums.

London Transport chairman will retire early at request of GLC

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Robinson, chairman of the London Transport Executive, is to retire early from his £21,000-a-year post at the request of the Greater London Council.

Mr Robinson, a former Labour minister, has held the job since January, 1975. He is to be succeeded next month by Mr Ralph Bennett, London Transport's deputy chairman.

Recommendations for the changes are to be put to the council's planning and communications committee on Wednesday. The Conservative administration last year criticized the London Transport Executive as "autocratic, inefficient, overmanned and expensive", and since then relations between the two bodies have been uneasy.

The change will make possible a reappraisal of the executive. Mr Horace Cutler, the GLC leader, said yesterday that the council was faced with Mr Robinson's contract ending in December, and the entire executive would have needed reappraisal soon.

"Recognizing this, Mr Robinson has cooperated by agreeing to retire early from the chairmanship, thus allowing us to look afresh at the top structure before his retirement from the board." Last year Mr Robinson, who is 66, was appointed chairman of the Arts Council.

Mr Cutler said that Mr Bennett, a London Transport board member since 1968 and deputy chairman since 1971, would bring "an accumulated knowledge of urban transport problems gained not only in London but in other cities also".

Mr Bennett's deputy will be Mr John Stansby, aged 47, a management and marketing expert.



Mr Robinson: "Agreed to cooperate."



Mr Bennett: Board member since 1968.

Home Office criticized on child pornography

By Penny Symon

In spite of overwhelming evidence from the police and child welfare organizations that children in Britain were being photographed for pornographic purposes, the Home Office maintained an extraordinary attitude, and said that it had been exaggerated, Mr Cyril Townsend, Conservative MP for Bexley, Bexleyheath, complained yesterday.

Mr Townsend, whose Protection of Children Bill comes up for second reading in the Commons next Friday, said that it was equally clear to those concerned that the law was confused and inadequate. His Bill would make it an offence to take an indecent photograph, or make an indecent film, of a child under 16. It would also be an offence to possess, with a view to production, any indecent photograph or film of a child.

He added: "It would have been impossible, in a private member's measure, to deal with the whole area of child pornography, and so I thought the Bill would be most effective if it dealt with the taking of photographs, where the law is so inadequate now.

"MPs of all parties have expressed their support, and I do not think that I will have difficulty in getting the require number of MPs in the Hous next Friday. The only peopl who are not giving me the support are the Home Offi and their lawyers. I find the attitude extraordinary."

In a letter to Mr Townsen Mr John, Minister of Stat Home Office, said that the Bi raised issues of principle an tended to reinforce the Gover ment's view that those matte were better left to the kind review now being undertake by the Williams committe Legislation in advance, Mr Joh said, would be bound to ha unsatisfactory features.

Mr Townsend said: "Th Williams committee, which examining the laws on decency and obscenity, w set up last year and had its fir meeting in the autumn. Th general view is that there is chance of its reporting for abo two to three years.

"There is no guarantee th any legislation would follow t report, and I feel that it is t too long to wait to get prop legal protection for the childr in this country who are bei abused in this way."

He estimated that about fou fifths of the pornography i volving children in Britain w imported.

British Rail will try to satisfy the gourmet

By a Staff Reporter

Passengers on two selected Inter-City services on Monday will take part in a British Rail experiment in catering for expense-account travellers with gourmet tastes.

Among the dishes on offer will be poached haddock Arnold Bennett, for breakfast, main courses like halibut portugaise and grilled salmon maitre d'hôtel, and final savouries such as Scotch woodcock.

A uniformed steward will greet passengers as they enter the restaurant car, inquire after their tastes in aperitifs and provide them with wine throughout the meal. Tablecloths will be gaily coloured instead of white, and service will be efficient but discreet. The final bill for the four-course meal, including coffee, will be about £5, about £1 more than the conventional table d'hôte it replaces.

Introduction of the so-called "Gold Star" menu represents British Rail's latest attempt to improve its catering image after internal reviews.

They began last year after a critical report from the Central transport Consultative Committee, the national body representing passengers' interests, which took British Rail to task for litter-strewn restaurant cars, price variations, absence of price lists, and plastic cups for buffet coffee which disintegrated.

Since then British Rail and its catering subsidiary, Travellers' Fare, have brought in improvements. Litter bins are being installed in restaurant cars during regular refurbishing.

New "double-wall" plastic cups are being extended to all services. Differential pricing of tea, coffee and sandwiches has been abolished.

"Gold Star" dinners and breakfasts are the latest innovation. Aimed spicifically at the expense-account businessman, they will be tried in the Eastern, London and Midland and, from a week later, Western Regions. If successful, they will go into full operation in April.

None of the improvements so far seems to have appeased passengers. Last year complaints about catering services increased by half.

Londonderry air causes breeze on hockey field

From Christopher Walker
Dublin

A dispute has broken out in Irish sporting circles over a decision by the Irish hockey authorities to replace the republic's national anthem by "Danny Boy" when the team travels to Argentina next month to compete in the World Cup.

Although the reasons for the compromise may baffle international sporting bodies, they again illustrate the deep divisions that make cross-border cooperation in even non-controversial fields a subject of extreme sensitivity.

Because the Irish hockey squad is picked jointly from players in Northern Ireland and the republic, the initial compromise over flags and anthems was introduced eight years ago.

To reduce team friction it was agreed that the British and Irish national anthems and flags would never be used when playing abroad. Instead "Danny Boy" and a flag depicting the four historic provinces of Ireland would be substituted.

For a time the decision worked reasonably well, although it prevented the team from competing in the Munich Olympic Games, where national anthem and flags have to be used.

This week a government spokesman in Dublin announced that Mr Lynch, the Prime Minister, would agree to stand for a rendering of "Danny Boy" if he attended the competition in Buenos Aires.

As a result, the influential Gaelic Athletic Association banned some leading hurling personalities from taking part in a fund-raising gala for the hockey team tomorrow.

The association is known for its strong republican sympathies, and a statement from its president said: "The position of the GAA in matters such as this should be well known. The association, which is committed to strengthening the national identity, is an all-Ireland, 32-county organization and functions on this basis only."

The ban will mean severe financial difficulties for the hockey squad.

Other hockey, page 7

Thieves who 'hunted like dogs' jailed

Judge Griffith-Jones, Common Serjeant, at the Central Criminal Court yesterd sentenced a gang of six mu gers who he said "hunted li a pack of dogs" and treat their trial as a joke. Two ri leaders were sentenced to fo years' jail and three others three years each.

The judge said women in t Leyton area of London becam too frightened to go out alo at night last summer.

Francisco McDowell, aged 18, Wellwood Road, Leyton, and boy of 15, of Colesworth Roa Leyton, were each sentenced four years' jail. Reginald Ha aged 17, of Worcester Road, a b of 16, of Eastfield Road, a Junio Graham, aged 18, of Beatri Road, all Walthamstow, Londo were each sentenced to thr years. Another boy of 16, Vernon Road, Leyton, was sent borstal.

All six had pleaded guilty had been found guilty of r bing women of handbags in t Leyton area last summer.

Race fears fed by rumours

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Road bowling alley on May 20. A fight broke out between plain clothes policemen and black youths.

Five youths, all aged under 16 at the time, were arrested on affray charges. They were held in custody for seven months before coming to trial and sentence this year.

The West Indians, some of whom had the charges against them reduced, maintained that the fight had started because a policeman had emptied a glass of beer over a black youth.

The second case involved the treatment of parents of children whose children were arrested at Heath Park High School on February 15 last year. Police were called to the school after there was fighting among a hundred children.

Mr Faulkner said that resentment among black people has been building up slowly over the years, against the police in particular. Many of the young people were now alienated, having no point of contact with the community.

An anti-racist committee which is organizing a demonstration in the town today says it will make public "at least 20 cases" of attacks on black people that have been reported to the police. The committee says nothing has been done about the complaints, but that is denied by the police.

Mr Naranjan Singh Norr, a member of the committee and president of the Indian Workers' Association, said Asian shops have been burnt. Petrol had been poured through letter boxes followed by a match, he said.

Mr John Bird, who is leader of the majority group on the Labour-controlled borough council, said that he thought some policemen were racialist. Mr Bird, a former policeman, feels, as do many officials, that "things are not too serious". But he agreed that there are difficulties in Wolverhampton, just as there are, he said, in any town with "a large number of immigrants".

Mr Maurice Buck, deputy chief constable of the West Midlands force, challenged immigrant leaders last week to produce evidence of the alleged attacks on black people.

Chief Supt J. Longhurst, in charge of the police in Wolverhampton, denied that police had ignored reports of attacks, and denied that the police were racialist.

Mr Philip Knight, the chief constable, said that policemen are trained in aspects of their work with the ethnic minorities. The incident on Friday night should be put into perspective by comparing it with football violence.

Whether the rumours about attacks on black people are true or false, it is clear that many West Indian youths believe them and that the rumours have an important role in maintaining the tension.

The West Indian youths are unemployed and bitter. There are 8,000 West Indians in Wolverhampton, most of the original immigrants coming from Hanover parish in Jamaica. There are also 12,000 people of Asian origin in the town with a total population of 270,000.

The latest figures show that of 1,000 unemployed, 300 are West Indians and 175 Asians. Three times as many West Indian school-leavers as white school-leavers are out of work.

With increasing National Front and Socialist Workers' Party activity in the town, and with growing disenchantment among the black population, further friction seems likely.

Immigration cut by 10,000 last year, Mr Rees says

Immigration into the United Kingdom fell sharply last year, according to provisional figures released yesterday by Mr Rees, the Home Secretary. In 1977 an estimated 70,000 immigrants of all nationalities were accepted for settlement, compared with 80,800 in 1976, and 82,400 in 1975.

The figures for 1974 and 1973 were 68,900 and 55,200, Mr Rees stated in a Commons written reply.

In heated exchanges at question time in the House on Tuesday, which centred largely on the level of coloured immigration, the Prime Minister said that 28,000 new immigrants entered the country last year and a further 16,200 people already living here were given citizenship. Yesterday's figures show that Mr Callaghan's totals refer to those coming from the Indian subcontinent (the Press Association reports).

According to Mr Rees's figures, 36,000 were accepted on entry last year and a further 34,000 already in the United Kingdom were allowed to settle. That 34,000 includes visitors, fiancées, students and those on work permits who were allowed entry on certain conditions but were later accepted for permanent settlement. Mr Rees added that detailed figures for the year were not yet available.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Mrs Thatcher and the Conservative Party are engaged in "a frantic search for ways of grabbing the Alf Garnett vote", Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said at Batley Town Hall last night.

Leading the weekend counter-blast from Labour against Mrs Thatcher's recent declarations about limiting immigration, Mr Healey referred to "the cold-blooded calculation with which she chose this week to stir up the muddy waters of racial prejudice, to spread fear and hatred among peaceful communities".

Mr Healey, echoing the demand made by Mr Callaghan and Labour backbenchers in the Commons, said that Mrs Thatcher must outline her proposals. He continued:

She refuses to give us any hint of what policy she would recommend for dealing with the nightmares she invented. That would mean breaking the solemn pledge she made only a few months ago at her own party conference.

She has an air of desperate opportunism in scraping the bottom of the barrel which must disgust those who expect some political and moral leadership from anyone who aims at the highest office in the land.

Conservative backbenchers yesterday were bewildered by newspaper reports that Mrs Thatcher and the Shadow Cabinet want to deny the right of permanent settlement to a substantial number of people who have settled here since 1973, and that Mrs Thatcher sees no reason why the Conservative Party should accept the consequences of the two amnesties granted to illegal immigrants in 1974 and 1977.

The implication, according to hints already given by sources close to Mrs Thatcher, is that those "amnesty immigrants" would not have the automatic right to bring in wives and children.

But the Home Office has already commented on the impracticality of any such scheme. Once given an amnesty, the immigrants have the same rights as others who have come over legally.

What it seems to mean is that the Conservatives would impose closer checks on fiancés and fiancées, and would create a register that would show the relatives and dependants on the waiting list, and introduce a quota system for admissions.

For the Conservatives, Mr William Whitelaw, deputy leader and spokesman on home affairs, addressed a meeting on the subject at Loughborough last night.

He was met by a crowd of Asians, many carrying placards one of which read: "Tories split black families". He stood on the town hall steps shaking hands with many of the protesters and emphasized that any new legislation would not just apply to coloured immigrants.

He said that Mrs Thatcher had offered the prospect of a "clear end" to immigration to maintain good race relations and to keep fundamental British characteristics.

He said the party must offer people of all communities "the prospect of an end to immigration on the scale we have seen it in the postwar years". The difference in phrasing is significant.

That is the formula on which the party is likely to unite, but there are still many backbenchers, and some members of the Shadow Cabinet, who are worried about the impression that Mrs Thatcher created early in the week.

Mr Whitelaw protested that Mr Rees had described the Tory party as "bashers" of ethnic minorities. "That is a falsehood; it always has been and always will be a falsehood, and Mr Rees himself knows perfectly well that that is the case."

Mr George Gardiner, Conservative MP for Reigate, speaking in his constituency last night, said:

We can cut immigration if we wish to. We could establish a register, open for a limited time, of all those close dependants waiting to enter this country. There are difficulties but they could be overcome.

We could then fix a quota for those to be admitted each year. Similarly, we could operate a strict time quota for East African Asians holding United Kingdom passports.

We could end the scandal of Asian male fiancés who have never seen their brides. We could stop granting amnesties to illegal immigrants.

By such means we could cut the immigrant flow by a half or three quarters, or whatever we wish. The choice is up to the British people.

We do not want to slam the door, but rather to close it carefully and firmly. This must be done if trust and confidence between the races is to be restored.

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Reminder for judge

Judge Wild, who made remarks during a trial at Cambridge Crown Court that were criticized as being racialist, has been reminded by Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, of the need to respect people's feelings.

The judge was reported to have told two Libyan students convicted of assault that the case had arisen because they had got drunk, and that they should have admitted it. "But then, as people about the courts know, people of your origin never admit anything, well, hardly anything".

Mr Michael Ward, Labour MP for Peterborough, wrote to the Lord Chancellor, who replied, saying that he had reminded Judge Wild of the need for the courts to respect the feelings of the immigrant section of the community.

Judge suggests cutting ears off idle drinkers

People who spend their unemployment benefit on drink should have their ears cut off, Judge Starforth Hill, QC, said at Southampton Crown Court yesterday.

Patrick Mahoney, aged 33, of Weston, Southampton, who admitted stealing a £30 coat, was drawing £23.75 unemployment benefit to support his wife and child, it was stated, and had been drinking when arrested. He was remanded in custody for reports.

The judge said: "What surprises me is that with the kind of mother state that gives this man so much money, he leaves his wife and son destitute and can go out and drink far too much when he should not have anything in his pocket to buy any drink.

"I think it is time that we cut off their ears to make them realize that when they get their benefit it is for their families and not to go down their throats. It is all too common in this day and age."

Mr Charles Gabb, for the defence, said Mr Mahoney needed treatment.

Judge Hill said at his home in Preston Candover, Hampshire, last night that his remarks should not be taken literally.

Equity support for opera staff

Equity, the actors' union, will support staff at the Welsh National Opera and Drama Company in strike or other industrial action over the dismissal of Mr Michael Geliot, the company's artistic director (our Music Reporter writes).

Efforts are continuing to resolve the long-running dispute. Equity officials are seeing Mr John Cruft, music director of the Arts Council, to seek his assistance.

Attempt to oust Tory choice fails

An attempt to oust Mr William Walker as prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Perth and East Perthshire was defeated on Thursday night by 367 votes to 226.

The constituency association overturned a recommendation by the executive committee that Mr Walker should be dismissed. The executive will hold an emergency meeting in about ten days.

Pupil suspended

A pupil at St Joseph's College, a Roman Catholic public school in Ipswich, has been suspended for distributing National Front leaflets.

Rate recommended

The following rates have been recommended: Bedfordshire, 96.5p in the pound, a rise of 8.8 per cent; Hertfordshire, 75p in the pound, a rise of 8.5 per cent.

'Pencourt' tells of 'monologue' by Sir Harold

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resigned as Prime Minister, inviting the reporter for drinks.

Mr Penrose was baffled but took along Mr Courtiour to Lord North Street. Sir Harold showed no surprise that two journalists had arrived, not one.

Then, the authors said, Sir Harold began an "extraordinary monologue" during which he said a smear campaign was in full swing against the government.

According to the authors, Sir Harold spoke of past allegations of involvement of himself and ministers in a "communist cell" at 10 Downing Street.

The authors said that Sir Michael Hanley, head of MI5, was called in.

The book continued: "The career Secret Service chief had apparently also confirmed the existence within his service of a disaffected faction with extreme right wing views. Such an admission has perturbed the Prime Minister.

"If he could not trust a section of MI5 how could he ask them to investigate impartially the rumours which were being made about himself and his entourage at No 10?"

The book said that acting on reports that the Central Intelligence Agency might have tried to infiltrate the Cabinet office, Sir Harold asked his friend Sir George Weidenfeld, the publisher, to take a confidential letter to the late Senator Humphrey. It "contained the names of two men whose activities seemed particularly suspicious to Sir Harold Wilson".

After the Weidenfeld mission to Washington it was discovered that the men were not in the CIA, the authors said. They wrote that Sir Harold also mentioned attempts to subvert the Labour Government.

He said, according to the book, that South Africa had been behind the campaign to smear Mr Jeremy Thorpe.

During their investigations the authors flew to California to interview Mr Peter Bessell, the former Liberal MP, who claimed that he had worked as an agent of the United Stat Government while still an M

The authors said he spo about the "cover-up" of t Thorpe affair, adding: "T Liberal Party has now killed t two-party system of gove ment; it has destroyed the m party system. It is therefore nuisance.

"Now, if you can destr the integrity of the party pointing out that its leader h been the subject of serio allegations, the political a vantage of attacking Thor was so obvious that for the not to do so must mean th to do so would endanger t whole system."

The third man, page

Ammunition for M60 gun found in Londonderry

Two belts of ammunition, each of 100 rounds, suitable for use in the American-designed M60 machine gun were discovered by police in Londonderry yesterday.

They were found behind a garage in the Rosemount area of the city, near where the new machine gun was displayed by the IRA during the "Bloody Sunday" commemoration parade last weekend.

Several bombs, detonators, a quantity of petrol and a sawn-off shot gun were also found.

In Belfast snipers fired yesterday on two military policemen outside Crumlin Road jail, injuring both. The soldiers were waiting to escort a prisoner and were hit in the legs. Their condition was not serious.

Classroom "bomb": Three armed men burst into Springfield Road Primary School in Belfast yesterday and planted in a classroom full of children a hoax bomb in the form of a box with wires leading from it (the Press Association reports).

Man freed from rape sentence

William Cash, aged 26, was freed from a four-year jail sentence yesterday when the Court of Appeal cleared him of raping a girl of 19 he had met in a public house.

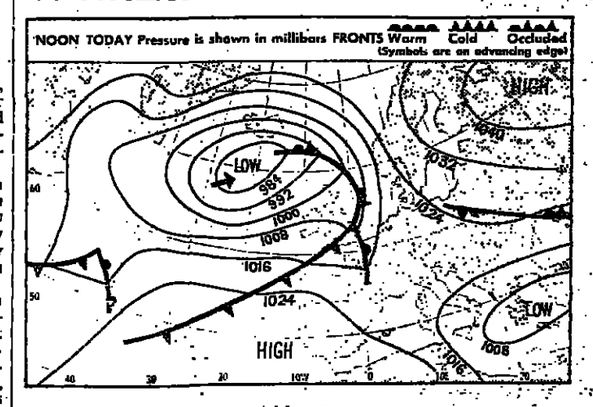
Mr Cash, a tarmac layer, of Watling Farm Close, Stanmore, London, was jailed at St Albans Crown Court, Hertfordshire, last May. The Court of Appeal quashed his conviction as unsafe and unsatisfactory.

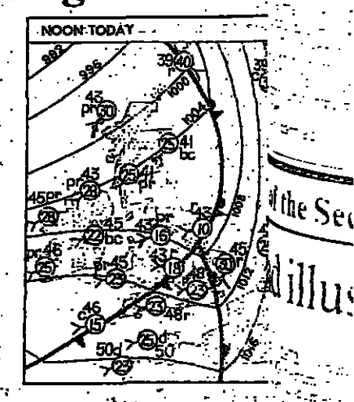
Maxwell Commons bid

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher and former MP, is among 64 people who have applied to be prospective parliamentary Labour candidate for Kettering when Sir Geoffrey de Freitas resigns as MP at the next general election.

General election: Sir G. de Freitas (Lab), 18,038; C. D. Pond (C), 12,038; A. J. W. Haigh (Lib), 11,170; Lab maj., 11,170.

Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; c—cloud; d—drizzle; f—fair; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—sleet; t—thunderstorm; w—shower; p—periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 7.35 am. Sun sets: 4.55 pm.
Moon rises: 1.34 am. Moon sets: 1.36 pm.
New Moon: February 7.
Lighting up: 5.25 pm to 7.3 am.
High water: London Bridge, 10.24 am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 11.6 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Avonmouth, 3.33 am, 10.6m (34.8ft); 4.12 pm, 11.1m (36.3ft). Dover, 7.39 am, 6.0m (19.6ft); 8.23 pm, 6.0m (19.8ft). Hull, 2.36 am, 6.2m (20.4ft); 3.12 pm, 6.4m (21.0ft). Liverpool, 7.58 am, 8.2m (26.8ft); 8.34 pm, 8.3m (27.1ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 7.33 am. Sun sets: 4.57 pm.
Moon rises: 3.31 am. Moon sets: 2.40 pm.
New Moon: February 7.
Lighting up: 5.27 pm to 7.2 am.
High water: London Bridge, 11.43 am, 6.7m (21.8ft). Avonmouth, 4.55 am, 11.7m (38.3ft); 5.28 pm, 12.1m (39.8ft). Dover, 8.46 am, 6.2m (20.3ft); 9.24 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft). Hull, 3.50 am, 6.6m (21.6ft); 4.16 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft). Liverpool, 9.6 am, 8.7m (28.6ft); 9.28 pm, 8.8m (28.7ft).

A trough of low pressure will move E across most districts.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S and E England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Periods of rain, becoming dry later; wind S, fresh, becoming SW, light; max temp 7° to 9°C (45° to 48°F).

Channel Islands: Periods of rain; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 11°C (52°F).

W Midlands, SW England: S Wales: Periods of rain, scattered showers later; wind W to SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 8° to 10°C (46° to 50°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, SW and NW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands: Rain at first, scattered showers later, perhaps wintry on hills; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 6° to 8°C (43° to 46°F).

Isle of Man, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, perhaps wintry on hills; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 7° to 8°C (45° to 46°F).

Central N and NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Periods of rain, becoming mainly dry with bright spells; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 6° to 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Shetland: Periods of rain, scattered showers later; wind S, gale, becoming S, fresh; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Mostly dry at first; further rain will spread to W and N; temp near normal, some night frost.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind S, strong becoming W, fresh; sea rough becoming moderate.

English Channel (E): Wind W, fresh, becoming W; sea moderate.

St George's Channel: Wind W, strong, becoming W, fresh; sea rough.

Irish Sea: Wind SW, strong; sea rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6°C (43°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.05 in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 1 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,025.8 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

Overseas selling prices

Austria, $a 18; Belgium, BFr 30; Canaries, Pta 60; Denmark, DKr 4; Finland, FMk 3.50; France, FFr 3; Germany, Dm 2.50; Greece, Dr 50; Holland, Dfl 2.50; Hungary, Ft 30; Italy, Lire 700; Luxembourg, LFr 30; Madeira, Esc 22.50; Malta, 30c; Norway, Kr 3.50; Portugal, Esc 20; South Africa, 50c; Sweden, SKr 3; Switzerland, SFr 2.50; Yugoslavia, Din 25.

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'Dictatorial' attempt to introduce shift system brings strike

By Ronald Faux
Business

Work at the MacDermott Excavation yard at Ardersier, Inverness, has been halted because of an attempt by the management to introduce a three-shift system.

The strike, by the 1,500 workers at the yard, recognized as one of the most successful in Europe, has been made official by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers which has bargaining rights with the company. The union objects to what it describes as the "dictatorial manner" in which the proposed three-shift system was introduced.

"There was no consultation how it would affect our members, or of the domestic difficulties that would be caused", Mr Ian McFarlane, assistant secretary of the AUEW, said yesterday: "They tried to force it upon us and the men don't want it, even though it would mean more jobs at the yard.

"The union accepts that a three-shift system is inevitable. But the workers have demanded £3 an hour for introducing it. The management says that a system of three shifts, each of 42½ hours with limited overtime, is necessary to meet the yard's

The workers have been offered £2.34 an hour, which, with a reduction in overtime, would mean slightly less overall pay, but a considerable cut in the number of hours worked. With overtime, skilled men at the yard earn about £7,000 a year.

MacDermott believes that the extra productivity required cannot be provided by the present two-shift system, under which much overtime is worked. The company commented: "A new system is vital to meet the type of schedules required in the North Sea and the advent of strong competition for orders."

Ardersier has work worth about £50m in three big contracts which will last until the middle of next year. The company, a subsidiary of Oceanic Contractors, is confident that more orders could be won this year as plans for the development of oilfields in the North Sea and elsewhere are announced. It hopes to improve on its record production of 45,000 tons of fabricated steel last year.

Until the present dispute, labour relations at the yard had been the envy of many competitors. The fact that one union has a virtual bargaining monopoly is thought largely to account for that.

Navy men in debt 'may present risk to security'

By Arthur Reed

Men serving in the Royal Navy have been warned that if they are heavily in debt they are a bad security risk.

The warning is contained in the current issue of *Navy News*, a government publication, which says that more private debts are being brought to the attention of Royal Navy authorities.

"The situation is especially worrying in the Armed Forces because a man's job is much more vulnerable than in civvy street. Financial irresponsibility may be regarded as a rather harsh assessment of strained pockets, but it is a view that has to be taken in relation to the handling of classified documents."

Pay restraint was among reasons advanced for Royal Navy personnel getting more into debt, but other factors included a trend towards easier credit buying, high-pressure salesmanship and more house-owners' having to cope with mortgages, rates and other outgoings.

"The dangers of the city slicker selling at the door, and the all-too-easy credit cards, are obvious matters to be borne in mind in this age of severe inflation, but a man (or his wife) does not always recognize the problem until the brick is hanging weightily from the neck."

A Defence Council instruction circulated to all Royal Navy stations says that commanding officers would always give advice, and that would often forestall disasters.

The Admiralty Board would prefer not to have service intrusion into a man's private affairs. A possible way out was for him to list all his debts and work out how much it was possible to repay to each one. Companies were unlikely to take further action when a customer in difficulties was making a genuine effort to sort things out.

Man in the News: Chairman of the University Grants Committee

Hope of increase in higher education for adults

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Universities must move increasingly into the field of continuing education, providing courses not just for those between 18 and 20 but for everyone aged from 18 upwards, according to Dr Edward Parkes, the new chairman of the University Grants Committee.

That, he says, is necessary for universities if they are to keep up their student numbers after 1982, when the 18-year-old population will start to decline rapidly, and desirable for a society in which adult leisure time is likely to increase.

However, Dr Parkes is unlikely to use his position as head of a committee that next year will have about £550m to dispense between British universities to force the adoption of his views. He is a firm believer in the autonomy of universities, in democracy and in diversity.

Dr Parkes, who is 51 and at present Vice-chancellor of the City University, will take up his £17,000-a-year post on October 1 for five years. He succeeds Sir Frederick Dainton, FRS, who has been chairman of the committee since 1973.

Like Sir Frederick, Dr Parkes is a scientist, winning first-class honours in mechanical sciences at Cambridge in 1945 and going on to obtain a *PhD and ScD*.

After 11 years at Cambridge as fellow and tutor of Gonville and Caius College, he moved to Leicester University in 1960 to head the department of engineering, before returning again to Cambridge in 1965 to become professor of mechanics and later to head the department of engineering. He took up his present post in London in 1974.

Dr Parkes's keen interest in the arts as well as the sciences was shown in the introduction of a compulsory social sciences element into the engineering degree course at Leicester. He chaired a committee of inquiry into the teaching of English at Cambridge.

He has already had valuable experience in higher education administration, having served as chairman of the central committee responsible for the allocation of resources at Cambridge, as a member of the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee for Hong Kong, and as a member of the Advisory Board for Research Councils.



Dr Edward Parkes: Experienced administrator.

He identifies the three most serious difficulties confronting the universities as the lack of new blood among academic staff; the need for investment in new laboratory equipment after a decade of "derisory" expenditure; and a potential sharp fall in student numbers in the 1980s.

On the topical matter of whether university courses should be made more "relevant" or vocational, Dr Parkes says that he is a great believer in providing the facilities for students to study what they want to study, allowing market forces to determine the shape and balance of courses rather than imposing any manpower planning from above.

He thinks the present even split between arts and science courses is about right, although he would like to see a higher proportion of mixed degrees. He believes, for example, that it would be helpful with regard to Britain's EEC membership if the universities could produce a biochemist who spoke French or an engineer with German.

But a place must always be preserved in the universities for the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, he insists. "The acquisition of new knowledge is essential to man, otherwise we could all still be living in the trees", he says.

Ten million oranges pass port inspection

Ten million Jaffa oranges from Israel which were landed at Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday were passed fit for human consumption.

The fruit, in 100,000 boxes, was unloaded from the Swedish ship Arctic, which was met by members of the Israeli Citrus Fruit Marketing Board and two city health inspectors. Later the oranges were being transported by road for consumption in the North-east, the Carlisle area and Scotland.

A Palestinian terrorist organization has said that it has injected mercury into Jaffa oranges bound for Holland. One of the inspectors, Mr Douglas Fox, said: "We would have been here in any case without the mercury scare."

The Spanish Embassy in London said yesterday that some European newspapers had published reports about mercury in Spanish oranges. It said that there was no evidence that any Spanish oranges contained mercury.

Stockholm, Feb 3.—A mercury-poisoned orange from Israel has been found in Sweden, officials here said today as more poisoned fruit was detected in West Germany and Holland. It was the first contaminated orange to be detected in Sweden and was bought near Stockholm, officials said.—Agence France-Presse.

Leeuwarden, Netherlands, Feb 3.—Citrus fruit contamination has been established in Leeuwarden, health authorities said today. About a dozen contaminated oranges have been found in The Netherlands so far. Mercury droplets appeared when a Leeuwarden family pressed oranges and grape fruit. It is not clear where the fruit originated.—UPI.

Synod backs union membership

...nbers of the Church of ...nd Synod decided in Lon... yesterday to encourage ...e participation in trade ..., but defended the right ...ividuals to object to mem... ...p on the ground of con... ...e.

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New police alert for 'mad doctor'

A new police alert went out yesterday for a man who drugs and then robs elderly people, after he claimed what could be his twenty-fourth victim.

A middle-aged woman was found unconscious from a drug overdose at the guest house she runs in Wareham, Dorset. The police are sure that the man they call the "mad doctor" has struck again. They fear that he may soon kill someone with the drugs he "prescribes" and warned doctors, hospitals, hotelkeepers, and taxi drivers to be on their guard.

Recently the man has turned up in Gloucester, Derbyshire, Hampshire, Cornwall, Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire. He seems to return to the south-west after journeys throughout England and Scotland.

He is known to travel long distances by taxi and has used the names Dr John Kinvaid, Hamilton, Tony Rich and Weir. The police, who believe they know his identity, describe him as 50 years old, about 5ft 8in tall, slim, with a scar on his forehead and a burn scar on his left hand.

Dismissed editor awarded £3,355

Mr Alan Radnor, former £8,000 a year editor of the magazine, *Penthouse*, has been awarded £3,355 compensation for what was described as the "crude" way he was dismissed at short notice.

An industrial tribunal in London announced yesterday that both Mr Radnor, aged 32, and his assistant, Miss Sharon Hambury, had won their claim for unfair dismissal against Penthouse Publications Ltd. Miss Hambury is to get £843 compensation.

Police cars crash

Four police cars skidded and crashed in separate accidents on black ice in Northampton yesterday, injuring two of the drivers.

Blood sport protesters sentenced

Three campaigners against blood sports who broke into the offices of the British Field Sports Society were in the same category as football hooligans, Judge Norwood said at Inner London Crown Court yesterday.

Mr John Crocker, for the prosecution, said the three men broke into the offices in Caxton Street, Westminster, and caused £2,400 of damage to typewriters and office equipment.

Christopher Edward Morrisey, aged 23, of Lovett Close, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, was remanded in custody for three weeks.

Gary Peter Treadwell, aged 21, of Colebrooks Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex, was sentenced to nine months' jail, to run concurrently with a nine-month sentence he is serving for desecrating John Peel's grave. Aubrey Paul Thomas, aged 20, of the Brambles, West Drayton, Middlesex, was jailed for six months.

Mr Morrisey pleaded not guilty and the other two guilty to entering the offices with intent to cause wilful damage. All three admitted entering the offices and causing damage, and entering with intent to steal.

The judge said: "I could understand you breaking into a vivisection laboratory and breaking open the cages and letting out the animals, but typewriters and calculating machines had not caused harm to animals."

Road humps bring big cut in accidents

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent

An experiment in speed control humps, designed to slow traffic on residential roads, has greatly reduced accidents, the Transport and Road Research Laboratory said in a report published yesterday.

Nine humps, each 12 feet long, rising in a gentle curve to a height of four inches at the midpoint, were laid in Cuddesdon Way, Oxford, a road frequently used as a short cut by non-residential traffic and with a history of accidents involving pedestrians.

During the first year of the humps only one person was injured in a road accident, compared with 28, including 11 children, in the previous three years and 10 months. There was no apparent increase in accidents on roads that drivers used rather than traverse Cuddesdon Way.

The humps cut vehicle speed and the daily flow of vehicles along the road. Of Cuddesdon Way residents, nine tenths favoured the humps.

The Department of Transport will be assessing the results at four other sites, in Haringey, Kensington, Norwich and Glasgow, before deciding whether to introduce the humps permanently. At present they may be used only experimentally on public roads and must be removed not more than a year after installation.

Garage man not liable for car crash

Mr Patrick Hurley, aged 23, the crippled victim of a crash in an old car, was told in the Court of Appeal yesterday that he is not entitled to £45,000 damages he was awarded for his injuries.

The court ruled by a two-to-one majority that there was no liability on Mr Raymond Dyke, a garage owner, who had bought the 1962 Reliant three-wheeler for £10 and later sent it for auction, where it was sold.

The car, driven by its new owner with Mr Hurley as passenger, ran out of control and crashed in 1971 when its badly corroded chassis collapsed. The driver was killed and Mr Hurley was left a paraplegic.

In December, 1976, Mr Hurley, of Monkswood Crescent, Coventry, was awarded £45,000 in the High Court against Mr Dyke and his company, Three Counties Garage, of Wells Road, Malvern, Hereford and Worcester.

Allowing Mr Dyke's appeal, Lord Justice Browne pointed out that in any event Mr Hurley would have had little chance of recovering much money. Mr Dyke was not insured to cover the accident and could not pay. The High Court judge's finding that Mr Dyke knew the car was dangerously defective was unsatisfactory and should be reversed. Lord Justice Roskill agreed but Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, disagreed.

New rules for food packaging safety proposal

By Hugh Clayton

Ministers proposed sweeping new rules yesterday about safety in food packaging. The Government wants to give magistrates the power to fine offenders up to £100 a day if they persist in selling illegal packaging.

The key section of the proposed new rules says that packaging materials must not be capable of combining with the food packed in them in a way that threatens health or leads to unacceptable changes in the food.

That is an advance on present British law, which says that food must be of the nature and substance demanded. It therefore bids contamination by packaging but makes no sweeping demands about the packaging's ability to contaminate.

EEC regulations have made new rules necessary in Britain. A Community directive of November, 1976, requires British rules to be laid down by late May this year and to operate from November, 1979.

Ministers want makers of packaging to be made to label products "for food use" unless they are obviously meant to come into contact with food. The food industry has been given less than two months in which to make representations to ministers about the proposed new rules.

Lessons in the dining room

Mr and Mrs Anthony Taylor, of Petworth Gardens, Hillingdon, west London, who taught their three children to read before they went to school, have withdrawn them from their schools because they say they are dissatisfied with the low standard of education they were receiving.

The children, June, aged 16, Peter, aged 14, and John, aged 9, are taught by their parents in the dining room of their home. The subjects include Esperanto, Swedish and gardening.

MPs angry over nuclear fuel debate

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

MPs who signed a Commons motion asking that Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, should give time for a public debate before he decides whether to allow the building of a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at Windscale were angry last night about a suggestion that the debate should take place soon in the interests of Japanese customers wanting fuel elements reprocessed.

Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool, who tabled the motion, signed by 155 MPs of all parties, raised the matter in the Commons and was assured again by Mr Foot, Leader of the House, that the Government was fully conscious of the great public interest in the expected decision. He said that Mr Shore had received the inquiry report only a week ago and needed more time to consider it.

Yesterday Mr Abse produced a letter he had received from Mr Coningsby Allday, managing director of British Nuclear Fuels, which has applied for planning permission to build the factory.

He had written to Mr Abse: "The only point I have tried to make was that if there was to be prior publication of the report and a preliminary debate, I hoped that this would take place as quickly as possible, as undue delay in the announcement of the decision could affect my company's chances of concluding negotiations.

"I also said that such a quick decision had been promised by the Government, both to British Nuclear Fuels and its customers, particularly the Japanese."

Mr Abse commented: "This letter raises the issue whether the reluctance of the Government to publish the report of the inquiry is prompted by the claimed quasi-judicial role of Mr Shore or by secret assurances already given to the Japanese.

"With 155 MPs of all parties already having signed my motion, the House is in no mood to agree that Britain should become the nuclear dustbin for Japanese industry without full and informed parliamentary debate."

No national policy for airports is regretted

By Our Air Correspondent

The White Paper on airport policy failed to provide convincing evidence of a national policy in which the ramifications of national, regional and local development had been considered, the Royal Town Planning Institute said yesterday.

The policies put forward were based on consultations on the previous consultation paper on airport strategy with nearly 1,000 organizations. Was that a sufficiently comprehensive base for a national strategy, the institute asked.

Conclusions by the relevant government departments on the main assumptions on national and regional planning were noticeably absent from the White Paper. The most ominous warning was the reintroduction of Stansted as the favoured expansion point for London air traffic.

The figure of four million passengers a year for Stansted proposed in the White Paper was small compared with the scale envisaged by the Roskill inquiry, but potential expansion after 1990 was clearly considered as a possibility, with the development of an existing military airfield or the construction of a new airport as other options.

"This could mean the start of a new cycle of concern over the third London airport triggered off, as the last one was, by the Stansted proposals" the institute said.

Unacceptable pressure: West Sussex County Council expressed disappointment that the Government appears not to be facing the long-term airport capacity situation in the South-east (our East Grinstead Correspondent writes). The proposed 25 million passengers a year at Gatwick would result in unacceptable pressures on the local economy.

'Lost' climber foolhardy, searcher says

A climber who turned up safe and well after searches in the snowbound Scottish Highlands by a helicopter and a mountain rescue team said yesterday: "I am sorry for all the bother, but I thought everything was all right."

A search began for Mr Simon Whipple, aged 23, of Charlton Road, Wantage, Oxfordshire, after he left the Cluanie Inn, between Invergarry and the Kyle of Lochalsh, on Tuesday. Mr Daniel Stoddart, the hotel owner, said: "We begged him not to go."

There were drifts of snow up to 20ft deep when Mr Whipple left the hotel. He turned up in a mountain hut near Cluanie at 5 pm on Thursday.

The hut was a few miles from where his father, Mr Raymond Whipple, the mathematician and atomic scientist, died in a climbing accident last July.

His son said yesterday he was surprised there had been concern for him. He had left a route plan and a bad weather alternative at the hotel.

But Flight Sergeant Robin Blyth, who headed the mountain rescue team, said that in spite of Mr Whipple's wide climbing experience and precautions, "there is no doubt that he was being foolhardy".

Mr Donald Henderson, chief constable of the Northern Constabulary, said: "It is unfortunate that we had to divert people from emergency tasks for someone like this."

Contrast in style

For more than forty years James Margach, the distinguished former Political Correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, observed at close quarters the curious and often hostile relations between Prime Ministers and the press. In *The Sunday Times* tomorrow, in the first extract from his forthcoming book, *The Abuse of Power*, he chronicles the remarkable contrast between Clement Attlee and his protégé, Harold Wilson.

Youth of the Secret Service 1: Agents graduate from gentlemen to players

...and illusion about MI6 that confused the enemy

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to make it public or authorized specifically or implicitly to make it public, is kept secret, and this provides a very considerable solid base of security-mindedness, which is a very valuable part of the security defences of the country.

Despite "weeders", "D" Notices and Whitehall discipline historians have begun to make considerable inroads through their own efforts in recent years, at least in the period up to 1939. Most valuable of all to the profession has been the Government's decision to treat the secret history of the Second World War as a special case.

Decoded German signals, the product of the best kept secret of the war, the success of British cryptographers at Bletchley Park, are beginning to pour into the Public Record Office.

An official history of wartime intelligence is under way. Provided the governments of the United States, Australia and New Zealand raise no objections, its publication seems likely.

Last week the school of history at Leeds University held a seminar on "Secret intelligence and modern politics", which indicated how far scholars have succeeded in lifting the veil. Perhaps the most useful myth that grew up around MI6 was that of the ubiquitous and omniscient agents working at the command of "C", the codename of Sir Mansfield Cumming, the first Director of the Secret Service, and used by his successors to this day.

The grand illusion served the country well in the Second World War. Periodically, the Germans, rightly suspicious that their most secret coded signals were being broken and read, pondered the matter. Every time, they concluded that "C's" espionage networks were responsible rather than his cryptographers.

One of the papers presented at Leeds was by Dr Christopher Andrew, of Cambridge University, who has done as much as anybody to set a realistic perspective on those early years. Hastily built up during the spy mania of the Edwardian era, British intelligence was a ramshackle affair.

Cumming's department, founded in 1911, was housed in wooden huts on top of the offices, hotels and clubs of Whitehall Court. The first "C" had little money and few agents. The same applied to MI5, which had a budget of £7,000 at the outbreak of the First World War.

Cumming employed novel methods in recruiting the young Richard Hannay figures who entered his unpaid service. During their interview he would roll up his trouser leg, pluck a match from the folds of his jacket, strike it on his wooden leg and light up his foul-smelling pipe. Unless the would-be spy prattled on regardless about his rowing career at Oxford, he was out.

Thanks to unweeded private collections, and carelessly weeded Foreign and Cabinet Office files, Dr Andrew has been able to trace the growing professionalism of British espionage. Perhaps the greatest influence of all was Admiral Sir Reginald "Blinker" Hall, Director of Naval Intelligence, 1914-19.

It was Hall's cryptographers in Room 40 of the Old Admiralty Building who helped to precipitate the United States into the war by decoding the Zimmermann telegram. Sir Reginald was also primarily responsible for creating the legend of the monumentally effective gentleman spy.

He was a master of irregular disinformation. He leaked the seamy passages of Casement's diaries to prevent Sir Roger from winning the sympathy of the American public during his trial in London, and he was mainly responsible for planting the Zinoviev letter on the *Daily Mail* in 1924.

But Sir Reginald Hall was the complete professional. Alarmed that the successes of Room 40 might leak out to other nations, he deliberately played them down to a visiting official of the Deuxieme Bureau and left the French with the impression that the British intelligence services were a form of out-relief for members of the Drones Club.

By the end of the First World War, in Dr Andrew's phrase, the gentlemen had become players. In 1917 they even managed to secure payments for their services. The 1920s were a vintage era of diplomatic codebreaking, the great powers reading each other's signals traffic with abandon.

But the decade also saw a run-down of Britain's intelligence services and its defences generally. In the 1930s the technological balance swung away from the cryptographer to the encoder. But the legacy of "Blinker" Hall was to rise again from the ashes of political and financial neglect in the nick of time in 1939.

To be concluded...



Dr Andrew: Setting realistic perspective.



Sir Reginald Hall: Complete professional.

Report sought on 'boy's removal by social worker'

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham

Mrs Brenda Borrett, chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council social services department, called yesterday for a full report on an investigation, into an allegation that a foster-child aged three was forcibly removed from his foster-parents by a woman social worker.

The boy, Jason Lock, had lived with Barry and Ann Arnold since he was a baby. This week a social worker put him into her car and drove off despite his cries and protests, it was alleged yesterday.

Mrs Borrett, said she wanted to see a full report on the outcome of the investigation and added: "Whatever the rights and wrongs of the matter, I am distressed that such tremendous unhappiness has been caused".

Mrs Arnold said at her home in Sherwood Street, Annesley Wood House, Nottinghamshire, that the social worker told her Jason was being taken away because she thought he would do better with another family. The social worker went to a nursery school to collect him, and then returned him to the foster-mother to say goodbye. The boy began screaming.

Nottinghamshire social services department said the overriding consideration was the child's future.

The TES Goes to Work

The Times Educational Supplement now provides on its "School to Work" page each week specialist news coverage of the developing — and controversial — relationship between education and industry and the transition from school to work.

Industry and education need to know about each other. They also need to keep tabs on the rapidly growing activities of the agencies and organizations, public and voluntary, that deal with young people.

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Four young politicians appointed to Cabinet posts in reshuffle rejuvenate Herr Schmidt's team

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Feb 3

Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, today appointed six new ministers in a Cabinet reshuffle precipitated by the resignation of Herr Georg Leber, the Defence Minister.

His refurbished team, rejuvenated by the inclusion of four young and relatively little known politicians, gives the Government something of a new start after the embarrassing succession of gaffes involving Herr Leber.

The affairs had damaged the image of the Social Democratic-Free Democratic coalition at the start of a year when about half the electorate will vote in four *Land* parliamentary elections.

Herr Leber's post, so difficult and politically risky that it is nicknamed in Bonn the "ejector seat", is taken by Herr Hans Apel, the much respected Finance Minister. He is understood to have resisted the appointment.

Herr Apel is known to feel little affinity for the world of the military and has never even been a soldier. But he eventually gave in under the insistence of Herr Schmidt, and in doing so is seen here as strengthening his own position as a possible future Chancellor.

His highly specialized job is taken over equally reluctantly by Herr Hans Matthöfer, the former Research and Technology Minister.

The four other appointees, all present or former state secretaries with an average age of 40, come from the younger generation of Social Democratic politicians.

They fill posts left by Herr Matthöfer, Herr Karl Ravens, the Housing and Urban Planning Minister, Herr Helmut Rohde, the Education Minister, and Frau Marie Schlei, the Minister for Economic Development.

Herr Ravens and Herr Rohde leave to devote themselves to political tasks outside the federal Government. Frau Schlei's reasons are stated to be personal.

Ministry officials deny that her departure is due to controversies over aid given to some African countries, but it does relieve the Cabinet of a member under constant attack from the Opposition.

Herr Matthöfer is succeeded by Herr Volker Hauff, the Parliamentary State Secretary in his ministry. At 37, Herr Hauff becomes the youngest Cabinet minister in West Germany's history. He learnt of his appointment on his return from talks on energy policy and research in Britain.

Herr Dieter Haack, aged 43, Parliamentary State Secretary in the Housing Ministry, steps into the place of his former chief, Herr Ravens. The new Education Minister is Herr Jürgen Schmude, aged 41, a former State Secretary at the Interior Ministry.

Herr Rainer Offergeld, aged 40, until now Parliamentary State Secretary at the Finance Ministry, becomes the new Minister for Economic Cooperation.

The new ministers will be sworn in on February 16.

One of the problems that brought about Herr Leber's resignation still remains unsolved: The extent of the illegal activities of the counter-intelligence service. On resigning, Herr Leber admitted that the service had been bugging an unspecified number of people's homes or offices without authorization.

The next few weeks are expected to see renewed efforts to establish parliamentary control over the activities of the counter-intelligence.

The new West German coalition Cabinet:
Chancellor: Helmut Schmidt (SPD)
Foreign Affairs: Hans-Dietrich Genscher (FDP)
Economics: Otto Lambsdorff (FDP)
Interior: Werner Maihofer (FDP)
Justice: Hans-Jochen Vogel (SPD)
Agriculture: Josef Ertl (FDP)
Labour, Social Affairs, Health: Herbert Ehrenberg (SPD)
Defence: Hans Apel (SPD)
Transport, Post and Communications: Kurt Gscheidle (SPD)
Housing and Town Planning: Dieter Haack (SPD)
Inter-German Affairs: Egon Franke (SPD)
Education: Jürgen Schmude (SPD)
Research and Technology: Volker Hauff (SPD)
Finance: Hans Matthöfer (SPD)
Economic Cooperation (Overseas Development Aid): Rainer Offergeld (SPD)
Youth and Family Affairs: Antje Huber (SPD).—Reuter.

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Herr Hans Apel: No affinity with the military.



Frau Weiske leaves the East German Embassy.

Defector's wife flies to E Berlin

By Craig Seton

The wife and daughter of a member of the East German Embassy's staff in London who is thought to have defected to West Germany were allowed at the second attempt to fly from Heathrow airport to East Berlin last night. Immigration officials had wanted to satisfy themselves that the two were under no pressure to return home.

Herr Bernhardt Weiske, described as a non-diplomatic administrative official at the East German Embassy, was granted travel documents by the West German Embassy on Tuesday and is now thought to be in West Germany.

Frau Marka Weiske became involved in a diplomatic row on Wednesday when she arrived at Heathrow with her seven-year-old daughter and two embassy officials intending to fly home via Prague. Immigration officials were not convinced that she was leaving Britain willingly and their detailed questioning caused her to miss the aircraft.

Herr Karl-Heinz Kern, the East German Ambassador, protested about the interference of immigration authorities, and Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said yesterday that the behaviour of the officials with Frau Weiske on Wednesday gave the impression that she might have been under duress. It was now realized that was not the case.

Frau Weiske arrived at Heathrow last night with her daughter in an embassy car. Several embassy officials were present as they were driven directly to a Polish airlines flight bound for East Berlin. They boarded the aircraft flanked by British police and airport officials.

The whereabouts of Herr Weiske remains unclear. It is understood he arrived at the West German Embassy on Tuesday without a passport and it is thought he left Victoria Station in London by train, presumably for an overland journey to West Germany.

Andreotti meets mixed reception

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Feb 3

Signor Andreotti, the Prime Minister-elect, tonight put before a seriously divided meeting of the national executive of his Christian Democratic Party a new plan for giving the country a government.

His idea is to re-launch a minority administration, similar to the one he led until his resignation last month but more acceptable to the Communists. He foresees it lasting only until the election in December, to replace President Leone as head of state when, in accordance with tradition, the government would resign.

He wishes to see it supported by the parties that supported his last Government indirectly, including the Communists. They would agree on a programme and vote in favour of it.

A college of guarantors would then be established, consisting of leaders of the parliamentary groups backing the agreement, which would watch over the Government's application of the agreed programme.

Signor Andreotti was much less clear on the vital question of the parliamentary vote. The Communists would not be content to vote for the programme but abstain on the formal vote of confidence; a section of the Christian Democratic Party, however, would not accept the Communists as official supporters of the administration.

A Communist spokesman said tonight that, unless this point was clarified and the Communists treated like all the other parties with whom Signor Andreotti was dealing, his plan was "empty".

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US expels Vietnam envoy at UN over espionage allegations

Washington, Feb 3.—The United States has ordered the expulsion of Vietnam's representative at the United Nations, named this week in an espionage case.

A diplomatic note delivered to the Vietnamese mission in New York today asked Mr Dinh Ba Thi to leave the United States promptly. It was the first time that a permanent representative at the United Nations had been declared persona non grata by the United States, the State Department said.

Mr Dinh Ba Thi was listed, although not charged, earlier this week in a grand jury indictment in a case in which Truong Dinh Hung, a Vietnamese student, and Ronald Louis Humphrey, an employee of the United States Information Agency, were arrested two days ago accused of giving classified State Department cables to the Vietnamese mission at the United Nations, and Vietnamese agents in Paris.

The State Department said today that the expulsion decision had been taken by Mr Vance, the Secretary of State, under Section 13B of the 1947 United Nations Headquarters Agreement which allows the United States to request the departure of members of foreign missions who have abused their privileges of residence.

The lawyer for Mr Humphrey, whose trial on the spying charges is to begin on April 3, said last night that one of his client's sons is being held hostage by Vietnam.

The lawyer said he had been told of the boy's detention by Mr Humphrey's Vietnamese woman companion, Chieu Thi Nguyen. He said that Chieu Thi Nguyen and the couple's four other children were themselves allowed to leave Vietnam last autumn only thanks to the intervention of Heinrich Böll, the Nobel prize winning West German novelist, and West German and Swiss diplomats in Hanoi.

Chieu Thi Nguyen alleged that she had been held prisoner for more than seven months after the fall of Saigon because she had worked for the American Government in Vietnam.

The lawyer said that "demands have resulted from the boy's detention", but he would not say whether these were connected with the spy case.

Mr Humphrey, who has worked for the United States Information Agency since 1956, was based in Saigon from June, 1968, to February, 1971, at which time he met Chieu Thi Nguyen, widow of a South Vietnamese army officer.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

Hongkong, Feb 3.—American allegations that Vietnamese diplomats were involved in espionage were denounced as slanders and fabrications today by Vietnam, which said that such accusations could jeopardize Washington's attempts to normalize relations.

The statement was issued in reaction to formal United States protests over the affair.

The Vietnamese News Agency said that Vietnamese diplomats at the United Nations and in France had an unblemished record. Vietnam, it said, "vehemently protests against and refutes these slanders by the United States authorities".

Hard-line Arabs talk of 'war in abeyance'

Algiers, Feb 3.—Arab leaders opposed to the Egyptian peace initiative said today that an Middle East settlement which ignored the Palestinians could only be "war in abeyance".

The five members of a hard-line alliance holding summit talks here said President Sadat's actions were aimed at turning the Arab world into a field of confrontation between the forces of imperialism and independence.

They condemned "imperialist intervention" in the Middle East and North Africa and said that Soviet weapons had already destroyed "the myth of Israeli invincibility".

The veiled threat of a possible recourse to arms was contained in a prepared statement read by Mr Bouteflika, the Algerian Foreign Minister, midway through the second day of the conference.

The Arab "resistance front" set up at a summit in Tripoli on December 5, consists of Algeria, Syria, Libya, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Its leaders are meeting here to discuss new plans for frustrating what they regard as an anti-Arab conspiracy being conducted by the United States and Israel with Egyptian compliance.

The talks received a boost today with the late arrival of Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, who was host to the December summit.

Washington: President Carter held a meeting with senior advisers to draw up a response to an expected request by President Sadat for American pressure on Israel when he arrives here.—Reuter.

Europe's youngest Prime Minister

Vaduz, Feb 3.—Hans Brunhart, a 32-year-old philologist, will become Europe's youngest *Prime Minister after a narrow* victory by his Patriotic Union Party in elections for a new Diet of the Principality of Liechtenstein, the only Western nation that still bars women from voting.

According to official results announced today, Mr Brunhart's party gained one for a total of eight seats in the 15-seat legislature. The loser was the Progressive Citizens' Party which now has seven seats.

Both parties have widely identical platforms but different traditions. They have been allies in a coalition Government since 1938.

Avalanche sweeps engine off railway bridge

Geneva, Feb 3.—At least 10 people were killed when strong winds sent scores of avalanches *cascading down the French*, Italian and Swiss Alps last night and early today.

Near Brigue, in Switzerland, an avalanche thundered down on a passenger train yesterday, hurling the locomotive off a *bridge and derailing several* coaches, railway officials said.

The driver and one passenger were seriously injured and two others slightly hurt. A violent snowstorm hindered rescue and salvage work.

The train was travelling from Berne and had passed through the Loetschenberg tunnel under the Alps on its way to the Simplon tunnel linking Switzerland with Italy.

Police in the Italian town of Aosta said today a Belgian couple and a child and three Italians were killed when their cars were buried on a mountain road to the ski resort of Cervinia. Rescue teams dug out two other people alive on the road.

In France, four people were killed, two were missing and two injured when a mountain chalet was swept away by a snow fall near the winter resort of Chamonix.

Many international passenger trains, including those from Ostend, Dortmund and Rome, had to be diverted from the St. Gotthard line between Switzerland and Italy after avalances covered the track. The line was reopened later today.

Spanish military told to ignore 'provocations'

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Feb 3

Anybody who tries to divide the Army, whether a right-wing or left-wing extremist, is an enemy of Spain, General Manuel Gutiérrez Mellado, the Minister responsible for defence, said in an appeal to the armed forces to keep calm.

The General's remarks were made in a tough speech to about 150 Army, Navy and Air Force officers on the island of Tenerife on Thursday and were reported here today by the Madrid newspaper *Diario-16*.

"Groups of ultras are trying to provoke the Army", he said. Appealing for calm despite provocation, he said: "You have to grit your teeth, pray for the victims if you are a believer, and let the weight of the law fall on the culprits. It is intolerable to use our dead like a political banner."

He was presumably referring to an incident when a Civil Guard was arrested for allegedly assaulting the Interior Minister, during a funeral service for a former Mayor of Barcelona murdered by terrorists.

"They are trying to use the blood of our martyrs and they turn Masses into political rallies", he said.

The general warned members of the military who resented a loss of privilege since Franco's death: "The job of the armed forces is to serve the country; it is not the job of the nation to serve the armed forces."

French Communists 'seek key Cabinet posts'

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 3

The Communists would insist on seven Cabinet posts, including either foreign affairs, defence or the interior, and three junior ministries if the Opposition won the March general elections, M Michel Poniatowski, the right-hand man of President Giscard d'Estaing, said in Nancy last night.

M Poniatowski, a former Minister of the Interior and one of the leaders of the Republican Party, told an election meeting that those were the Communists' *minimum* demands. He did not disclose the origin of the evidence which enabled him to spell out the Communist wishes so precisely, but he seemed sure of his facts.

In addition to one of the three "great ministries", he emphasized, the Communist Party insists on the ministries of labour, social security, civil service, industrial production and nationalized enterprises, and youth and sports.

He added that the Communists would demand the break-up of the ministries of defence, finance, and the interior, and keep for themselves the armaments division, the plan and economic forecasting, and local authorities and regional planning in each of the three. As for the junior portfolios, they would ask for the universities.

"The choice is revealing, and the object is clear: the direct or indirect control of key posts *responsible for the economy*, social affairs, the administration and local authorities", M Poniatowski went on.

"Thus, if the Communist Party participates in government with the Socialists, it will have the upper hand over them and compel its Socialist partners to yield to its requirements.

EEC concludes first trade pact with China

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Feb 3

Despite delay caused by difficulties over wording, negotiations on the first trade agreement between the EEC and China were successfully concluded here tonight.

The trouble had arisen over how to formulate clauses defining the rights of the two sides in the event of "disruption" of their markets by imports from the other.

The Chinese regard the normal "safeguard" clause, permitting unilateral imposition of import controls, as inappropriate between friendly nations.

In the event the two sides agreed that in exceptional cases, where the situation did not permit a delay, either party could take emergency measures to curb imports but should seek, as far as possible, friendly consultations with the other before taking them.

The agreement, which will run for five years, will be nonpreferential and will formalize the most-favoured-nation treatment which the EEC already accords to imports from China.

This means that China would automatically benefit from any cuts in the EEC's common tariff agreed on under the general agreement on tariffs and trade (GATT).

Exasperation in White House and Congress over Israel's decision to create new settlements

Begin moves baffle Washington

From James Reston
Washington, Feb 3

The American Government is baffled and even exasperated by the Israeli Government's decision to push ahead with the settlement of its people in the disputed territory of the West Bank on the eve of President Sadat's visit to Washington.

This is true, not only of the highest ranking officials in the White House and the State Department, but of Israel's strongest supporters in the Congress and the press. Publicly, the Carter Administration is avoiding open criticism of Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, but privately officials here are asking whether Mr Begin is being wilfully provocative or whether he is indifferent, helpless, or duplicitous.

At the same time, President Carter has invited Mr Sadat here in order to tell him that the United States cannot help to arrange a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East unless it has the trust of both sides, and unless Mr Sadat advises Washington of his intentions and moderates his public diplomacy.

So for the moment, things are in a bit of a mess, and the immediate problem is to restore a measure of good faith. This does not exist now in the view of officials here, who complain that they are constantly being surprised by sudden actions in both Jerusalem and Cairo and are then expected to repair the damage.

The detailed and written American Government record of what it thinks it was told by Mr Begin, Mr Moshe Dayan, the Foreign Minister, and other Israeli officials about the emplacement of settlements on the West Bank differs wildly from the accounts being circulated by the Israeli Government.

For example, officials here now estimate that there are not six or eight settlements, as Jerusalem has said, but 13; that some of the military settlements are actually civilian settlements; and that there are now approximately 9,000 people in these encampments.

All this is challenged by Israeli officials here. But obviously these are factual questions that can easily be checked, rather than disputed every day to the detriment of American-Israeli relations.

There are two views in official quarters here of what Mr Begin is doing. The first is that he is presiding over a Government that is far more divided on the settlements question than has yet come to the surface.

According to this view, he is genuinely trying for a comprehensive settlement, but is stuck with his past promises to settle Samaria and Judea, and, torn by political dissension, is trying to get both peace and land and covering up his settlements by giving them different names.

The other more pessimistic view, not so widespread but still strong, is that Mr Begin has decided that Israel would be safer with no agreement than with any agreement Mr Sadat is likely to approve, and that he is proceeding with the controversial settlements and leaving it to Mr Sadat to take responsibility for breaking off the talks, as he did before.

Whatever the explanation, it is clear that Israel has certainly not strengthened its position with the Administration or in Congress just when Mr Sadat is returning to Washington and the television cameras.

Though Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, was calling for a return to quiet diplomacy just a few days ago, the President's invitation has assured another round of public propaganda. Mr Sadat will be talking to the National Press Club here on Monday, meeting members of Congress and the Cabinet, presiding over talk shows and then departing next week for a tour of European capitals.

These are peace talks? There is reason for believing that Mr Sadat would not have been invited to Washington if the Administration had anticipated the renewal of the controversy over the West Bank settlements for Mr Sadat regards the settlements as a calculated provocation and can be expected to denounce them as evidence that Israel is not negotiating in good faith.

As an indication of the irritation in official quarters here on the settlement issue one official has remarked: "Suppose the Arabs now resisting the West Bank and Gaza demanded the right to arm themselves and defend their own settlements. You can imagine what Begin would say. Yet he is asking that 300,000 Arabs accept permanent supervision of them by Israeli troops."

Some officials here, noting the contradictory statements of what Israeli officials and American officials said about the settlements, are now urging the Israeli Government to make an official statement before the weekend on precisely what has been settled and where and by whom, and what its intentions are about these and other settlements in the future.

The view is that this would at least enable the controversy to proceed on the basis of a considered statement of Israeli policy, and put an end to the rumours and leaks, each of which is a drop of poison in the relations of the two nations.

Finally, the only nation benefiting from this dispute and the charges of duplicity are the states that have opposed the Sadat-Begin talks from the start. Everybody is talking around here about getting the talks back on the track, but for the moment, nobody seems to know where the track is.—New York Times News Service.

Red Cross help sought over Chad hostage

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Feb 3

The French Government has asked in the International Red Cross to take up the case of M Christian Masse, a French student, held by Chad Liberation Front (Frolinat) guerrillas and accused of spying. Also captured with him on January 18 was M Andre-Pierre Kummerling, a young Swiss electrician.

Frolinat has told the French Government it will free M Masse in exchange for the withdrawal of French forces in Chad, the release of a Frolinat member held by the Chadian regime and a ransom of £1m of francs (about £105,000), most of it in military equipment. The ultimatum expires on February 12.

A ransom demand was also sent to the Swiss Government concerning Mr Kummerling.

The affair, coming immediately after reports of the shooting down of a French DC3 with three French servicemen on board, about whom no news has been heard since Sunday, indicates a stepping up of the military and psychological offensive of the Chadian rebels in the north against the Ndjamena Government.

It has all the makings, in terms of French public opinion, of another Claustre affair. Mme Claustre, a French ethnologist, was held by the rebels for nearly three years.

The fact that the two young men were captured near Lake Chad appears to confirm the rebels' claim that they control an increasingly large part of the country.

Time steps in to save ailing Washington newspaper

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Feb 3

Time, Inc, has bought the *Washington Star*, the city's afternoon newspaper, which runs a poor second in circulation, profits and prestige to the *Washington Post*.

Time, Inc, which paid $20m (about £10.5m) for the *Star*, is the largest magazine publishing group in the country. Besides *Time*, it publishes *Sports Illustrated*, *People*, *Fortune* and *Money*.

Mr Joe Allbritton, a Texan millionaire, came to Washington four years ago to save the *Star* from collapse. It was losing $12m a year.

He brought in a new editor, greatly improved management and launched a drive for classified advertising. The paper improved astonishingly and the losses dropped, but its underlying weakness remained and Mr Allbritton has now had to admit that his own resources are not great enough to guarantee the *Star*'s survival.

When he bought it, it owned a local television station, the ABC affiliate. Under the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, a change of ownership means that such cross-ownership must be ended and Mr Allbritton therefore traded his Washington station for one in Oklahoma.

Mr Allbritton's failure is doubtless a disappointment to him, but the fact that a group as rich and determined as Time should have succeeded him is a great relief to the staff.

The *Washington Post* owns *Newsweek*, *Time*'s chief rival, and the "north-eastern liberal media" is therefore now even more concentrated than it used to be.

Meanwhile the *Chicago Daily News*, that city's only evening paper, is reported to be about to close. It has been losing money for years and has little chance of catching up with the two morning papers, the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Mr Teng starts Nepal visit

Katmandu, Feb 3.—Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, received a colourful but restrained welcome when he arrived here today.

Mr Teng, who flew here via the Tiberian capital of Lhasa, met Mr K. N. Bista, the Prime Minister, before having an hour-long talk with King Birendra. Nepal is likely to press during the visit for more Chinese aid.

Two-ton haul of hashish

Canberra, Feb 3.—Federal narcotics officers have seized about two tons of hashish with an estimated street value of $21m (about £10,500,000).

A Federal Narcotics Bureau spokesman said the drug had been discovered in a motor caravan imported into Australia from Bombay on board a Dutch liner. Two people had been arrested and charged with breaches of the Customs Act.—Reuter.

ETA tries to sabotage autonomy

From Dan Kurzman
Madrid, Feb 3

With provisional autonomy for the Basques imminent, Basque terrorists are growing more violent while most other Basques grow more moderate.

The terrorists, mainly members of the military faction of the splintered ETA separatist organization, are desperately trying to sabotage the autonomy plan, which they fear will placate the people and kill the Basque dream of full independence.

Their fear, Basque leaders agree, is not misplaced, for the popular attitude is undergoing a profound change as autonomy draws near. Under the totalitarian regime of General Franco, and in the months after his death, almost all Basques supported the ETA and approved its terrorists' acts. Now they no longer do.

Señor Juan Ajuriaguerra Ochandiano, head of the Basque Nationalist Party, said that under Franco "we could not express ourselves except through violence. So we all supported violence. But things have changed. We are realistic. Since we cannot have independence, we will accept autonomy. The time for violence is over."

The details of an agreement granting the Basques a pre-autonomy status are now being worked out, and soon the people will be able to practise limited self-rule similar to that which the Catalans were given some weeks ago. When a new Spanish constitution emerges in a few months, the Basques will enjoy fuller autonomy under a permanent statute.

But the terrorists, some of whom are based in France, have vowed to continue their campaign of violence indefinitely, apparently hoping to provoke the Government into ending autonomy and bringing back police control.

"When the police start shooting people, terrorists or not, that is when everybody gets behind the ETA", said one political observer. "The EAT want another Franco. That is the only way they can remain heroes."

Some experts here are apprehensive that ETA terrorism will evolve into a permanent guerrilla operation similar to those of the Irish Republican Army and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Indeed, the ETA and the IRA are reported to have been in contact, possibly to discuss arms shipments.

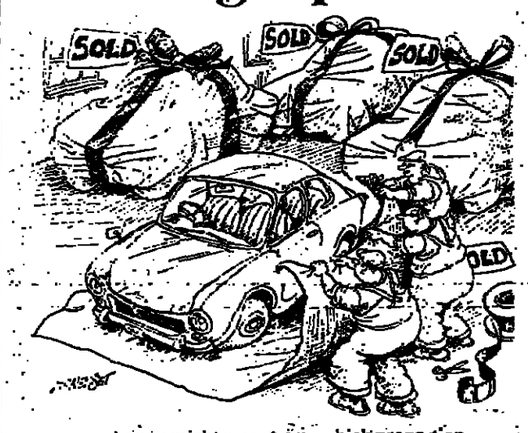
With pre-autonomy status, the Basques will have a parliament and a judiciary with limited powers, which will increase under the autonomy statute.

According to Señor Ajuriaguerra, the Basques will receive greater autonomy under the final statute than they were granted by the Republican Government during the civil war of 1936-39. So intensely did the Basques of that period want to keep this measure of independence that they vigorously supported the anti-clerical Republicans against Franco's church-supported army even though they were among the most religious people in Spain.

When Franco won the war, he ended their autonomy and policed them brutally as punishment for their treason, thereby spawning the ETA.

The Basque leaders deny that they are giving up their dream of an independent Basque state embracing the Basques of Spain and France. But that dream will come true, said one, only when Europe becomes a federation of states, when it has an integrated parliament.—Washington Star.

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Growing support for white hardliners worries Mr Smith

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Feb 3

Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, is facing a new political threat in the form of growing support among the white community for the conservative Rhodesian Action Party.

Although it was beaten soundly in the general election last August and did not win a seat, the party seems to be making a remarkable recovery among people concerned about their future under a black government and about the growing casualty rate in the civil war.

Headed by its Sheffield-born president, Mr Ian Sandeman, the RAP is criticizing severely Mr Smith's agreement to majority rule and what is known of his tactics and policies at the internal settlement talks.

Mr Sandeman and his colleagues argue that there is no need to hand over to black politicians now or in the future. They also say that their three-tier federal system should be reconsidered, although it was rejected by voters at the general election.

Under this system no one race would dominate another. The first tier in this governmental structure would be at local level—municipalities, area boards, etc. The second tier would embrace regional boards, with the three main races—whites, Shona and Ndebele—running their affairs. The third and highest tier would comprise an all-white national Cabinet to handle finance and defence.

The Prime Minister had already written off this scheme as being impractical in modern Africa, but the RAP is finding people willing to listen to it again, or at least people searching for an alternative to Mr Smith's policies.

Mr Sandeman drew more than 500 people to a recent public meeting in Bullawayo, and last night two of his lieutenants, Mr Edward Sutton-Pryce and Mr John Wright, packed a small hall in Salisbury with more than 400 enthusiastic listeners who hung on every word.

Mr Sutton-Pryce, a former Rhodesian Front junior minister in Mr Smith's office, vehemently attacked his former leader and defended white political leadership here. The surrender of the white community was at stake, he said, but there was still the will to survive.

Mr Smith had described RAP policies as airy-fairy, but Mr Sutton-Pryce said there was nothing airy-fairy about the fact that the paper gaurantees Mr Smith sought for nationalist groups were no safeguards at all.

The realities of politcal life in Africa were "govern or be governed", he went on. Tribalism was a major force in Rhodesia and Africa as a whole and had to be respected, hence RAP's policy of having each race running its own affairs.

"The Rhodesian Front is committed to majority rule, the counting of heads. That is a disaster looking for somewhere to happen", he said to loud applause.

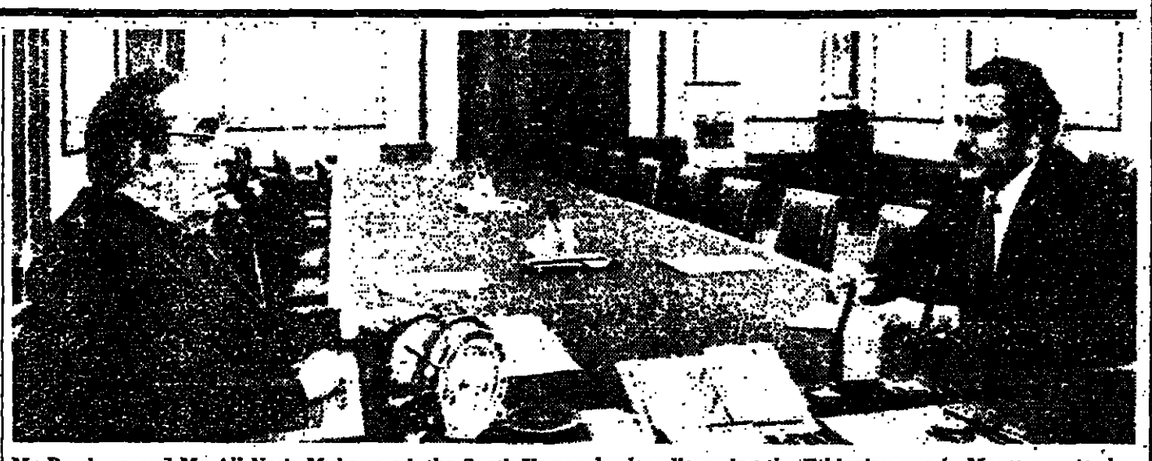
Mr Sutton-Pryce said that majority rule did not allow for white expertise and skills which built Rhodesia. Under black rule whites would be exploited. They would be tolerated as long as their skills were useful, but they should look elsewhere for a permanent home. "If you want to lie down and let the tide wash over you, that is your privilege, but I am not going to do it", he added.

Mr Wright took a similar theme, adding that RAP was not a racialist party but one which sought a change for the better. The Westminster form of government was conspicuous in Africa by its lack of success.

Aware of this growing white backlash, Mr Smith recently sent his party chairman, Colonel William Knox, on a morale-raising tour of the country. Colonel Knox exuded optimism about party loyalty and strength on his return, but the fact remains that the Prime Minister can no longer bank automatically on the support of the 80,000 whites in the electorate.

People are now deeply concerned, and if they are asked at some future date to approve in a referendum a proposed constitution based on a majority-rule government, they might well vote heavily against it or even veto it altogether.

It is now up to Mr Smith to live up to his reputation as possibly the most skilful political operator in the world to crush the RAP before it becomes an uncontrollable force.



Mr Brezhnev and Mr Ali Nasir Muhammad, the South Yemen leader, discussing the Ethiopian war in Moscow yesterday.

S Yemen-Soviet talks on Horn of Africa war

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Feb 3

President Brezhnev and Mr Ali Nasir Muhammad, the Prime Minister of South Yemen, today discussed the conflict in the Horn of Africa during talks in the Kremlin, Tass announced.

Mr Muhammad, on the third day of his official visit here, agreed with the Soviet leader that the fighting between Somalia and Ethiopia played into the hands of "imperialist and reactionary" forces. They said a peaceful settlement had to be found based on mutual respect, good neighbourly relations and the territorial integrity of all states in the region.

Yesterday, Mr Muhammad has similar talks with Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, and both agreed to contribute in every way to Ethiopia's struggle against the Somalis and against Eritrean separatists.

Nothing more has been heard of the whereabouts of General Raul Castro, the Cuban Defence Minister, whose sudden appearance in Moscow at the start of Mr Muhammad's visit prompted speculation that the Soviet Union had convened a high-level conference of its principal allies involved in the African conflict.

Western intelligence sources say there are at least 3,000 Cuban and Soviet military personnel helping the Ethiopians, and General Castro, brother of President Fidel Castro, was reported to have been in Ethiopia recently inspecting the Cuban forces.

South Yemen, just across the Red Sea, is said to be an important staging post for the massive Soviet arms shipment to Ethiopia. With its Marxist regime, it is one of Moscow's closest allies in the Arab world. Though other Arab states are backing the Eritrean separatists, reports from the area say South Yemeni troops are playing a growing combat role on the Ethiopian side.

The Russians have decided that now they have become involved in the Ethiopian-Somali conflict, which they tried long to prevent, they might as well go all out for a swift and decisive victory.

Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the Soviet Defence Minister, was present at General Castro's talks with Mr Brezhnev. The Soviet news media have given great prominence to the Ethiopians' case and the support they are receiving from Moscow.

Mr Muhammad today expressed his thanks for Soviet "support and assistance". The two leaders also discussed the Middle East, though on this subject it is thought they did not see quite eye to eye.

Tass spoke of the atmosphere of "friendship and mutual understanding", but it also used the word "frankness", which suggests some disagreement.

Though both countries oppose the current Egyptian-Israeli talks, South Yemen is one of the hard-line Arab countries opposed to any settlement with Israel, even in the framework of the Geneva talks, of which the Soviet Union is co-chairman with the Americans.

Charles Harrison writes from Nairobi: Somalia has announced that the Ethiopian armed forces have launched a big counter-offensive aimed at recapturing the Ogaden area. But diplomatic sources are still not convinced that it is an all out offensive.

Somalia denies involvement in the fighting inside Ethiopia, but does not hide its support for the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF), now occupying the Ogaden. Ethiopia insists that Somali regular troops are involved.

Western and Arab ambassadors were informed by the Somali Foreign Ministry in Mogadishu yesterday that the Ethiopian air attacks reported in the past few days were the start of a full-scale counter-offensive.

This would involve attacks across the border into Somalia, the Somali Government claimed and the envoys were told that "heavy bombing attacks" were expected against Hargeisa and Berbera.

According to the Somalis, some of the Ethiopian aircraft are being flown by Cuban pilots.

The main targets of the Ethiopian air attacks this week have been guerrilla positions east of Harer, and along the road to Jijiga, which was captured by the guerrillas last year. The town of Babile, on the Harer-Jijiga road, which was recently captured by the guerrillas, was bombed.

Western plan for Namibia troop withdrawal

From Our Own Correspondent
Cape Town, Feb 3

The latest Western proposals for a settlement in Namibia (South-West Africa) include a plan for the release of political prisoners, as well as for a phased withdrawal of South African troops based in the territory, according to informed sources here.

The proposals, which were presented to the South African Government and the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) last night, will form the basis of the proximity talks which are due to begin in New York next week between the five Western powers, South Africa and Swapo.

According to the plan, political prisoners held by the South African Government and Swapo would be released and be free to return to the territory to take part in elections for a Constituent Assembly.

According to informed sources, the withdrawal of South African troops would take place over three months and would be completed before pre-independence elections take place.

Lord Pitt heads inquiry into Bermuda rioting

Lord Pitt of Hampstead, former chairman of the Greater London Council and a deputy chairman of the Community Relations Commission, is to head a royal commission inquiring into the racial riots in Bermuda last December. British troops were flown in to restore order after two black Bermudians were hanged for murder.

Announcing the inquiry in Bermuda, Sir Perer Ramsbotham, Governor of the island, also named four Bermudian members of the commission, including a former opposition leader, Mr Walter Robinson, a leading black lawyer.

Sir Peter arrives in London tomorrow for consultations at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Responsibility for implementation of the commission's findings will rest with the Government of Bermuda, however, it was stated in London yesterday.

Lord Pitt, who was born in St David's, Grenada, has practised as a doctor in the West Indies and in Britain. He said in London yesterday he did not know Bermuda; he had been only to the airport.

Regional ties discussed by Shah and Indian leader

From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi, Feb 3

The Shah of Iran and Mr Morarji Desai, the Indian Prime Minister, met for an hour today and were reported to have discussed the idea of regional cooperation between India, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

However, Pakistan has rejected the idea of a common market of the five countries and Indian officials said that "regional cooperation" did not necessarily mean a movement towards an Asian common market at this stage.

Cooperation as seen by both sides implied overland trade routes, railway links, more trade and joint ventures, these sources said.

An Indian spokesman said the Shah and Mr Desai also discussed international issues, particularly developments in west Asia. "The exchange of views demonstrated a close similarity of approach", the spokesman added.

The two leaders, according to him, shared the view that the "uncompromising, stubborn attitude" of Israel was not conducive to peace; they also opposed the continued Israeli presence in the occupied Arab territories.

They hoped that the "unfortunate" conflict between Somalia and Ethiopia would be resolved by peaceful negotiations.

Meanwhile, the Shah has offered large Iranian investment in several important Indian projects, including the completion of the Rajasthan canal complex, a modern paper mill and some alumina projects. Indian officials said that the offer was meant to give a boost to cooperation. The Shah will make a brief stop in Pakistan on his way home on Sunday.

Protesters charged: A Delhi magistrate today released 112 students, including 17 Iranians, arrested yesterday during a noisy demonstration against the Shah when he arrived on his four-day visit with Empress Farah. The students are to appear in court charged with creating a public nuisance.

The Iranian students had defied orders forbidding them to leave their residences without police permission. The Shah's tour continues under tight police security.—Reuter.

Young 'shock' at reaction to Rhodesia talks

Fred Emery
Political Editor

Mr Andrew Young, the United States representative at the United Nations, said in London yesterday that he was frankly shocked" that the British press and the British people seem to place "more trust in Ian Smith than in their own Government".

It is likely that Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, shares Mr Young's sentiments at what they see as the disparate reaction in Britain to the so-called internal settlement talks in Salisbury, compared with the talks they held in Malta last week with the leaders of the Patriotic Front nationalist group.

Mr Young, interviewed on the radio at London airport on his way home from Malta, emphasized, as Dr Owen does, that the United States and Britain were seeking peace, not merely "a majority government solution". Without agreement with the Patriotic Front the fighting would not stop.

An internal solution, providing a black government, would be "tremendously embarrassing" for Britain and the United States. It could lose the question of recognition and financial and military assistance be expected in the next few weeks.

Senator Chief Jeremiah Chirau, one of the African leaders at the internal settlement talks here, today denounced demands said to have been made by the Patriotic Front during the discussions in Malta with Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary.

He said the demand that the Patriotic Front should fill all four African seats on the proposed governing council proved that it wanted nothing less than complete dictatorial powers. Its intention was to open the way to intimidation on a scale never seen before in Rhodesia, because it knew this was the only way it could win any seats

Tory attack on conciliation of Patriotic Front

Mr John Davies, the Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, last night accused the Foreign Secretary of preferring to gain a Rhodesia settlement by force rather than negotiation.

He claimed that the Government had adopted an extraordinary attitude towards the internal talks being held in Salisbury with black leaders.

Dr Owen and Mr Andrew Young, the American representative at the United Nations, gave the impression that they would rather the Patriotic Front won control of Rhodesia by force, he said. Dr Owen's persistent conciliation of the Patriotic Front was ill-advised.

Mr Davies said he had pressed Dr Owen to persuade the Patriotic Front to stop fighting, but he was far from satisfied Dr Owen had made any real effort to do so.

"His contention is that, unless the Patriotic Front is involved in a final internal settlement then war will continue and intensify."

If that were the case, it would seem that the Patriotic Front see no prospect of acceptance by the Rhodesian people and is ready to pursue its ends by continued war. "That is surely not an action we as a country should support."

Salisbury mocks claims of huge guerrilla airlift

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Feb 3

Reports from Lusaka of attacks by guerrilla leaders that more than 2,000 men, trained by Indians and Cubans, have been airlifted into Rhodesia in Soviet helicopters were dismissed as absurd here today.

A spokesman for the Rhodesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that there was considerable political significance in the timing of such fictitious reports. terrorist leaders were terrified of the verdict of the people, who remained solidly in favour of a peaceful transition to majority rule, and there was a great deal of intimidatory propaganda and rumours were to

Biko case shadow over parliament as Mr Vorster pours scorn on critics

From Nicholas Ashford
Cape Town, Feb 3

At the beginning of each session of the South African Parliament newspaper editors, political analysts, and others who interest themselves in white minority rule, gather in Cape Town in case anything is said during the opening "no confidence" debate indicating a shift in Government thinking on race.

Invariably they go away disappointed, and the opening of this session provided little to encourage advocates of change.

As has become customary, Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, devoted almost the whole of his 90-minute opening speech to deriding the tiny opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP) rather than answering the party's charges against the Government. These were that the Government's race policies were at the core of the country's internal problems and the main cause of its increasing international isolation.

Mr Vorster is a master of parliamentary practice and repartee. Encouraged, no doubt, in the knowledge that the PFP has fewer MPs than there are members of the Cabinet, he managed to run circles around the PFP leader, Mr Colin Eglin, by bringing out the fact that his party does not have a policy on how to put its power-sharing principles into practice.

In the brief period which he did devote to national issues he made it clear that there would be no fundamental changes in government policy for which, he said, the white electorate had given an emphatic mandate in last year's elections. "If the Opposition now expect me to implement a policy which has been expressly rejected by the voting public, this would be ridiculous" he declared.

It seems that in 1978 there will be few if any alterations in the course which the National Party has been following for the past three decades. If there are to be differences in emphasis, they will be introduced by stealth.

But there were two developments which, if not of overwhelming political significance, do at least indicate a growing sensitivity on the Government's part. The first was the constructive tone of the introductory speech made by Dr Connie Mulder, the new Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, and the other was the way in which the spectre of Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness leader, seemed to haunt the Government front benches and shows no sign of being exorcised.

Dr Mulder announced a five-year plan to improve living conditions in black townships outside the tribal homelands, announced his intention to visit Soweto soon, and recognized that urban blacks were "the crux of the matter".

These are admittedly small points.

But at least he did tacitly admit that perhaps all was not right with the Government's attitude towards urban blacks and that improvements could be made.

Mr Biko seemed to be present in almost every major speech made during the "no confidence" debate. Both Mr Eglin and Mrs Helen Suzman hammered the Government relentlessly over the callous and inept handling of the Biko affair by Mr James Kruger, the Minister of Justice.

Mr Vorster neatly dodged the issue by leaving it to Mr Kruger to reply to the charges.

Interestingly, Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, and a rising star within the Government, admitted during the debate that the Biko affair had done "unending harm" to South Africa. Although he did not mention Mr Kruger by name, such implied criticism could mean that the party is beginning to regard the Justice Minister as a liability.

In brief

Weapons found on campuses

Jakarta, Feb 3.—The discovery of illegal weapons on two university campuses in Bandung, west Java, indicated that certain groups of students had planned an armed revolution against the Indonesian Government, military sources said here today.

The Jakarta military command yesterday lifted the ban on four of the seven newspapers proscribed for supporting student protests.

Elizabeth Taylor suit

Los Angeles, Feb 3.—Elizabeth Taylor, the film actress, today filed an $11.4m (£6m) lawsuit alleging breach of contract, saying she had not been paid by a diamond company she permitted to use her name.

Volcano warning

Tokyo, Feb 3.—Seismologists gave warning that Mount Usu volcano in northern Japan, which belched smoke and lava last August, might erupt soon after hundreds of tremors were recorded around its base.

Cholera quarantine

Dar es Salaam, Feb 3.—The three-month cholera outbreak in Tanzania has reached the town of Bagamoyo, north-east of here, and the surrounding district has been placed under quarantine and its primary schools closed. The death toll now exceeds 250.

Film gorilla killed

Morges, Switzerland, Feb 3.—A friendly gorilla named Digit which starred in several American documentary films has been killed by poachers in a national park in Rwanda, the World Wildlife Fund announced.

Dehydration deaths

Salvador, Brazil, Feb 3.—A hundred children in Salvador have died of dehydration so far this summer, the Health Department said. In Pôrto Alegre 24 children have died.

Attempt on Everest

Teheran, Feb 3.—China has invited an Iranian expedition to climb Mount Everest from northern Tibet in 1979, a year before a Soviet attempt from the Nepalese side.

ore hostages eased at nadian prison

w Westminster, British nbia, Feb 3.—Two of the armed prisoners holding ges at the British Columpenitentiary surrendered night, police said today. more captives were also ed, leaving five hostages.

five prisoners originally nostages 13 people, including two fellow prisoners, last day in an attempt to escape the maximum security jail

Dorchester, New Brunstwo prisoners surrendered today after releasing a r-old warder they had olding hostage for almost k in protest against plans nsfer them to a non-speaking area.—Reuter.

A breath of air for Buenos Aires

From Andrew Tarnowski
Buenos Aires, Feb 3

The anti-pollution campaign with which the Buenos Aires municipality has opened 1978 would doubtless meet the approval of the sixteenth century Spanish adventurers who named their fledgling city on the shores of the river Plate "Santa Maria de los Buenos Ayres" (Holy Mary of the Good Airs).

For belching motor fumes and clouds formed daily from half-burnt ash from thousands of public and private incinerators have in recent years made the name something of a joke.

Morning and evening falls of ash, which darken the sky before settling through every window, were the price paid by Buenos Aires, now a metropolis of almost nine million inhabitants, for being one of the last cities in the world to rely on incineration for refuse disposal.

The switch this month to plastic bags and rubbish "compactors" has cleared the air of its daily load of 80 tons of ash, but not the streets. Plastic bags, many spilling waste into the gutters, now litter pavements.

For rats it is a good time. They can be spotted worrying refuse bags in the streets, inside apartment blocks, and even dashing boldly through one's kitchen door for more.

For the *Porteños*, as the people of Buenos Aires are known, have waited to the last moment to start installing the compactors now required in large buildings.

As a result, plastic bags are at a premium, collection services are strained and plumbers are having a bonanza, thanks to little old ladies who throw rubbish into lavatories.

Once teething troubles are over, compacted rubbish will fill in 450 acres of waste land a year in a broad ring round Buenos Aires to be planted as parkland and become the "lungs of the city".

This is just part of an anti-pollution drive and efforts to improve the quality of life in a metropolis suffering from long neglect.

In one week inspectors checked 1,100 of the careering *colectivos*, as the buses of Buenos Aires are called, and took 700 off the streets, chiefly for excessive exhaust emission. It was no surprise to *Porteños* that perhaps two-thirds of their buses are unfit for service.

Guerrillas attack as Nicaragua revolt intensifies

Managua, Feb 3.—Leftist Sandinista guerrillas have staged their first big attack in the 12-day-old general strike, killing at least three National Guards in an attack in Granada, Nicaragua's third largest city.

The general strike is aimed at ousting President Somoza, whose family has ruled Nicaragua for 40 years.

Mexico City: According to reports reaching here the revolt against the Somoza regime is spreading to provincial towns.

Five civilians and a soldier were killed in a battle on Wednesday between troops and demonstrators in the town of Matagalpa, and travellers report widespread guerrilla attacks.—UPI and Agence France-Presse.

PARLIAMENT, February 3, 1978

Correcting serious anomaly in state board members' pay

House of Commons

The treatment to which top salary earners in the nationalized industries had been subjected was little short of a national scandal, Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) said in an adjournment debate.

Inflation had halved the income of these people. Substantial additional incomes would be necessary even partly to restore their standard of living.

He was referring to little more than 100 men—chairmen, deputy chairmen, and members of boards. They were important people in the running of the nationalized industries and employed two million people. They had been forced to form the most exclusive of trade unions, the Association of Members of State Industry Boards. A new system of remuneration would have to be evolved.

Mr Charles Morris, Minister of State, Civil Service Department (Manchester, Openshaw, Lab) said the Government fully recognized the crucial contribution to the running of these important industries that chairmen and board members continued to make. They had seen their salaries diminish in real terms relatively more than those of others at the same level.

The Government recognized and understood their strong feelings. That this group had suffered a heavier burden than most was a serious anomaly which the Government accepted. They must begin to correct it as soon as they could.

The Government were grateful for the services of the chairmen and deputy chairmen and board members, but the needs of the nation as a whole must come first. The anomalous situation could not continue in the longer term without adverse effects on industries and individuals.

The Government had recognized at the time of the sixth report of the review body that the salary rates they then recommended—at the end of 1974—were the appropriate rates at the time, but they had had to be considered at a time of a rapidly worsening economic situation.

They were now beginning to see the fruits of strict control of pay increase in countering the serious inflation. The review body had recommended substantial pay increases, and although most were below £6,000 a year, those for the chairman of the Post Office were £16,900 and for coal, gas, railways, airways and electricity, £11,900, with £13,900 and £9,900 for deputy chairmen respectively.

To have paid increases beyond guideline level to such highly paid people would surely have been wrong in principle and damaging in practice when the community in general was being asked to accept severe restrictions on pay increases.

Present salaries were out of line and should be adjusted when possible, but substantial sums would be needed to redress the situation. The Government could not ignore measures still being taken to control inflation in the national interest and which still demanded considerable restraint from all sections of the community.

They had decided that the most which would be allowed for those earning £13,000 and up was a 5 per cent increase, but they realized that that made little impact on the comparative position.

The Government hoped that, despite disappointment they must feel since their sixth report, the review body would be able to provide up-to-date information on the appropriate pay rates in their next report at an early date so that the Government could decide how best to begin to remedy the anomalous pay position of this group.

Bill to set standards for estate agents

Most people bought and sold houses infrequently and on the basis of limited expertise, Mr Bryan Davies (Enfield, North, Lab) said when he successfully moved the second reading of the Estate Agents Bill, the purpose of which is to impose a measure of control on certain activities of estate agents to afford protection to users of their services.

Mr Davies said he hoped he had produced the Bill on the basis of minimizing the degree of central bureaucratic control. The problem revolved round a minority of rogues and not the general practice of the profession.

The Bill gave the Director General of Fair Trading the power subject to processes of appeal, to prohibit by order any person from engaging in estate agency work in whole or in part if the Director General considered him unfit to do so on quite specific grounds.

Mr Roger Moate (Faversham, C) said he welcomed the basic philosophy of this Bill. Generally speaking if adopted the right approach. While it deserved a second reading it should not go on to the statute book with Clause 20 in anything like its present form.

This clause provided considerable power to the Secretary of State in the future to lay down regulations that could prevent a newcomer getting into the business. It was a bad clause merely in the way it was drafted. There was no need for it.

Mr Michael Neubert, for the Opposition (Havering, Romford, C), said there was national interest in the success of the Bill, his most serious reservation was on the sanctions and powers that were to be conferred upon the Director General of Fair Trading. These powers would have to be examined closely.

Mr John Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection (Lambeth, Norwood, Lab), said the Bill's promoter had gone for a system of negative licensing. Anyone could carry out the business or profession so long as he did not break the rules. Once he broke them, he could be disqualified from practising and that was the right approach. The Bill did not involve any formal system of registration, but had a system of informal and formal control.

In practice immediately someone set up an agency it would be looked at; by competitors, solicitors, banks and building societies. That combination, plus the back up of the local authority and Director General of Fair Trading was a more than adequate substitute for a detailed system of licensing, fitness testing and so on.

The Government were impressed by the system of control proposed and believed it represented an acceptable solution which brought both justice and effectiveness. His department were in favour of the kind of system which allowed relatively free entry.

He would consider the establishment of a non-statutory estate agency advisory council which would include representatives of all large estate agency bodies and a representative of unattached agents. Consumers would also be represented. The purpose of the advisory council would be to consult with and advise the Secretary of State about the discharge of his functions under the Act.

The Government supported the Bill.

The Bill was read a second time.

Questions about blacklist of firms allowed

Questions about the blacklist of companies said to have broken the Government's pay guidelines are to be allowed under a ruling given by the Speaker (Mr George Thomas).

The Speaker said, that yesterday Mr Kenneth Clarke (Rushcliffe, C) raised a point of order concerning questions. I remind the House (he went on) of the rule which governs the blocking of questions to ministers. It is set out in *Erskine May* as follows:

"Questions are not in order which renew or repeat in substance questions to which an answer has been refused or which fall within a class of question to which a minister has refused an answer."

In considering the application of this rule to questions about companies to which the Government are alleged to have applied sanctions, I have looked carefully not only at the exchanges during Prime Minister's questions yesterday but at all questions and answer on this subject this session.

Up to now the Table Office has advised MPs, in my view correctly, that questions asking for detailed information about these companies are not in order.

As the questioning of ministers has developed, I am now satisfied that it would no longer be realistic to maintain this block on detailed questions on this subject. There is genuine doubt about the extent of the existing block and it seems to me fair for MPs to be given the benefit of that doubt.

I have accordingly given instructions that all such questions handed in yesterday and held up pending this ruling shall be sent to the printer.

Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council, formally announced a change of business arranged last night under which next Tuesday there will be a debate in Opposition time on the misuse of the Government's discretionary powers.

Poaching in the Highlands 'an honourable profession'

Pressure on salmon stocks was intensifying the whole time, Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C) said when he moved the second reading of the Sale of Salmon Bill to prohibit the sale of salmon and sea trout unlawfully acquired and taken.

He said that in recent years there had been mounting and widespread concern about future stocks of Atlantic salmon. Salmon stocks of rivers had been totally eliminated or severely reduced by over exploitation and industrialization.

The Bill simply sought to extend to the whole year provisions of existing law relating to deals in salmon.

Mr Donald Stewart, leader of the Scottish Nationalist Party (Western Isles, SNP) said the Bill went beyond the existing law in a way to which he was entirely opposed. He was in accord with the man who had said that poaching in the Highlands was not crime but a moral duty.

I object fundamentally to increasing the power of landlords (he said) and I want to clip their wings.

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) said that poaching was one of the most honourable professions in the Highlands.

Mr John Peyton, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture and fisheries (Yeovil, C) said the intention of the Bill was to make life more difficult for those who made a living out of stealing in large quantities.

Mr Edward Bishop, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Newark, Lab) said he had every sympathy with the objective of the Bill but if the Bill went through as it was, anyone who was in any way involved with salmon was going to be liable to severe penalties.

Salmon came from many parts of the world and when it was cut up, who was to say to what species it belonged, let alone where it came from? Who would be committing the offence? The person who put the salmon in the tin? The Bill did not say.

An important principle in the Bill was that the onus of proof was put on the alleged offender, who would have to prove his innocence. That was turning upside down a principle of English justice.

The debate was adjourned.

The Rating Bill, the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill and the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill were read a second time.

House adjourned 4.26 pm.

SPORT

Racing

Tragedy mars Master H triumph

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The ups and downs of racing can seldom have been better illustrated than they were at Sandown Park yesterday. When he arrived at the course in the morning, Tony Dickinson heard that he had been named trainer of the month, havig saddled 13 winners during January. He hoped to celebrate that award in the afternoon by winning the Leisure Caravan Parks Handicap Steeplechase with Broncho II, but Broncho fell at the first fence on the second circuit. He broke both a hind and foreleg and was quickly put down by a veterinary surgeon.

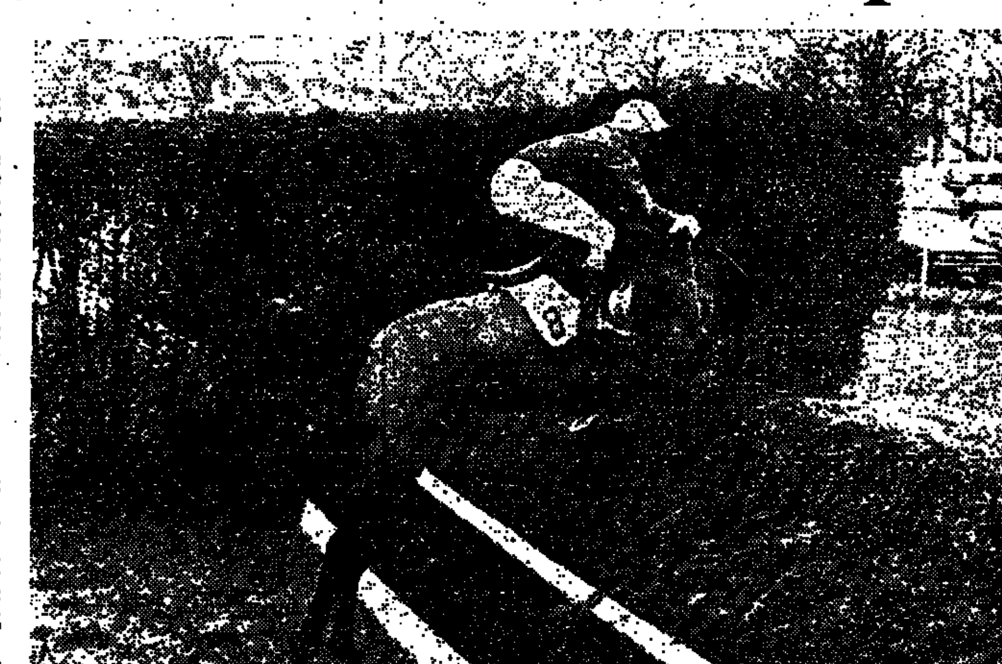
No woned his jockey, Michael Dickinson, looked a shaken and shattered man when he brought the saddle back to the weighing room. Broncho was one of his favourite horses and to cap it all yesterday was his own twenty-eighth birthday. It was a sad day too fro Broncho's owner, Frank Tyldesley, who has now had two good horses killed in the space of 12 months. Last year his horse, Winter Rain, died after falling at Becher's Brook in the Grand National.

Sadly, the tragic story of yesterday's race did not end with Broncho's death. Our Edition, who was second favourite for the Grand National at the start of the day, dropped dead just after the finish. His trainer, Stan Mellor, said later that he would not know why until there had been a post mortem, but he presumed that the horse had had a heart attack. The race was won by Master H for the second year in succession.

The race was won by Master H for the second year in succession. Ironically, Broncho appeared to have the beating of Master H on paper. Yesterday Master H ran on much too strongly for Tied Cottage, Bachelor's Hall and Royal Frolic towards the end. Bachelor's Hall was setfast afterwards in the unsaddling enclosure, but he eventually walked away sound, and his trainer, Peter Cundell, said later that he hoped and thought that it was only because his horse was not quite 100 per cent after his rest.

What is one person's misfortune is invariably another's good luck, and in this instance the person to benefit was Master H's owner, Simon Marsh. He is currently riding on a crest because he also owns Autumn Rain, who won the valuable Yorkshire Steeplechase at Doncaster last Saturday.

Master H is likely to run in the Grand National this year, but John Francome who rode him yesterday, is unlikely to be free to ride him, because if things go according to plan he will be claimed by Fred Winter to partner Lord Browndodd. Regardless of who will ride him, Master H has shortened in the long range betting on the National to 16-1. Apparently he may run in the Gold Cup before that.



Our Edition taking the last fence before he collapsed and died in the race at Sandown Park yesterday in which Broncho II was another fatality.

Royal Frolic looks a forlorn hope for the Gold Cup judged on the way he ran yesterday, but I would be reluctant to write Bachelor's Hall off this early even though I happen to think that Fort Devon has the best chance of all of winning the Gold Cup this season. Fort Devon is now joint favourite with Midnight Court for the Gold Cup and the way the wind is blowing at present, the big two may well clash at Newbury next Saturday before then.

Nothing can really ever compensaate one for the death of a particular favourite, as indeed Broncho was in the hearts of both Michael Dickinson and his father, but hopefully they will be slightly consoled today by the sight of their good young horse, True Wish, winning the Stone's Ginger Wine Silver Trophy Steeplechase at Sandown, before they head north.

The weights for today's race were finalized before True Wish finished second to The Dealer in the Embassy Premier Steeplechase final. Hence the reason why he has only 11st 2lb to carry this after noon. He is unlikely to be treated so leniently again for some time to come, and he must have an excellent chance of profiting from the situation provided that there is not too much rain before racing begins.

True Wish is a brilliant jumper who ought to be in his element at Sandown, where the fences still command respect, unlike those on some courses I could name. Prior to running so well against The Dealer, True Wish carried 12st 1lb in a handicap at Haydock, and beat a handful of more experienced horses very easily indeed. Again he jumped quite magnificently.

In contrast, Artifice did not fare quite so well when he took on seasoned steeplechasers for the first time at Ascot. Watching him beat other novices earlier in the season, one thought jumping was his strong point but it let him down at Ascot where he was beaten three lengths by Early Spring. Conceivably Artifice was rushed off his feet that day. If that was the case, he ought to be more at ease this afternoon when there will be an additional half mile to race.

Artifice has already won a steeplechase over two and a half miles, but Early Spring has not won over that distance since those far off days when he was hurdling four seasons ago. Theoretically there should be little between them today, especially if Early Spring is as effective racing over this distance as he is over two miles, because the handicapper has allowed Artifice 3 lb for that defeat.

Wetherby meeting is 24th casualty

By Michael Seely

The weather continues to play havoc with the National Hunt fixture list. Sedgefield was abandoned yesterday morning due to overnight frost. Late in the afternoon today's meetings at Wetherby was also called off, the twenty-fourth casualty of the season.

There must also be grave doubts about Leicester on Monday. Nicholas Lees, the clerk of the course, said yesterday that if there was any further rain there was little hope. The stewards are looking at the course at 2 pm tomorrow.

The fate of the meeting at Stratford-on-Avon this afternoon is still in the balance. Commander John Ford said yesterday: "Racing is possible at present. The rain has stopped and the course is drying out. But if anything untoward happens overnight the stewards will hold an inspection at eight o'clock in the morning".

STATE OF GOING (official): Sandown Park: good to soft. Stratford-on-Avon: heavy. Wetherby: Abandoned—course waterlogged. Monday: Leicester (inspection 2 pm tomorrow). Plumpton: heavy.

Sandown Park programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.30 SPRING HURDLE (Handicap: £1,310: 2m)

5	13-011	Easter Eel (C-D), F. Winter, 7-11-11	J. Francome
6	020402	Regent's Garden (D), L. Kennard, 6-11-4	R. R. Evans
7	p03021	Fighting Taffy (C-D), P. Upton, 11-11-1	P. Burgoyne 7
8	21-0010	Ardlair (C-D), R. Armytage, 7-10-12	H. J. Evans
9	140003	Gay Signal (D), D. Nugent, 6-10-11	B. McNally 7
10	112-0p0	Cold Justice (D), C. Benstead, 6-10-5	J. Davies 7
11	4010-44	Some Story (D), R. Turnell, 6-10-4	A. Turnell
12	0f0123	Colonel Nelson (D), D. Nicholson, 7-10-4	A. Webb 5
13	200f20	Rushmere (C-D), R. Atkins, 5-10-1	R. Atkins
14	43-3112	Hipparion (D), S. Mellor, 6-10-0	J. Rowe 7
16	32-4000	Spanish Lantern (C-D), M. Goswell, 7-10-0	M. Banham 7
18	0202-	Forno (C-D), P. M. Taylor, 12-10-0	A. Carroll
19	00-0001	Rajmataj (D), M. Haynes, 7-10-0	G. Thorner

7-2 Easter Eel, 4-1 Regent's Garden, 9-2 Fighting Taffy, 6-1 Gay Signal, 8-1 Hipparion, 10-1 Ardlair, 12-1 Some Story, 14-1 Rushmere, 20-1 others.

2.0 FAIRMILE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,707: 3m 118yd)

203	444302	Evander, A. Wates, 10-11-10	Mr A. Wates 3
205	3-f1121	Mannyboy (C-D), J. Gifford, 8-11-6	R. Champion
207	132212	Fjord (C-D), C. Bewicke, 8-11-3	J. King
208	pf004p-	Happy Ranger, J. Thorne, 11-11-3	P. Hobbs
209	042-010	Tom Bombadil, T. Forster, 8-11-3	G. Thorner
210	01-0142	Brown Jock, R. Armytage, 10-11-2	S. Parkyn
211	pp3	Fezeyot, Mrs R. Lomax, 8-11-1	Mr J. Darlington 7
212	032121	Ormonde Tudor, Mrs R. Lomax, 9-10-13	Mr M. Brisbourne 5
213	p-2223p	King Shaw, P. Cundell, 7-10-10	M. O'Halloran
214	021-344	Vulcan Express, E. Courage, 7-10-10	S. Morshead
216	10-u022	Nampara, J. Dudgeon, 7-10-8	R. Floyd
218	302203	Monty Python, Mrs J. Pitman, 6-10-6	B. Smart 3

3-1 Mannyboy, 100-30 Evander, 5-1 Fjord, 11-2 Nampara, 7-1 Ormonde Tudor, 10-1 Brown Jock, 14-1 Tom Bombadil, 16-1 others.

2.30 STONES GINGER WINE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £6,898: 2½m)

301	p04211	Early Spring (C), R. Turnell, 8-12-0	A. Turnell
302	0-10112	Artifice, J. Thorne, 7-11-7	P. Hobbs
303	0p0100	Tip The Wink (C-D), P. M. Taylor, 8-11-4	A. Carroll
304	11-1330	Wayward Scot (C), F. Winter, 9-11-4	J. Francome
305	212112	True Wish, A. Dickinson, 6-11-2	M. Dickinson
306	43-2013	Young Arthur, D. Kent, 9-11-0	P. Haynes
307	1-1110	Ebornezarsdouble, E. Carter, 9-10-11	J. J. O'Neill
308	2-12211	Colonel Mustard (C-D), T. Forster, 10-10-11	G. Thorner
309	00-1113	Discount Market, C. Bewicke, 7-10-1	J. King
310	2-0f031	Parkhouse, Mrs M. Easton, 9-10-0	C. Tinkler

3-1 Early Spring, 7-2 True Wish, Artifice, 7-1 Discount Market, 10-1 Young Arthur, Colonel Mustard, 12-1 Tip The Wink, 14-1 Wayward Scot, 20-1 Parkhouse, 35-1 Ebornezarsdouble.

3.0 SCILLY ISLES STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £3,007: 2m)

401	0-00011	Mac's Chariot, M. O'Toole, 7-11-9	D. T. Hughes
402	0f0111	Space Project, R. Brown, 8-11-9	R. Hyett
404	422-422	Berry John, P. Cundell, 6-11-4	M. O'Halloran
405	(	Chez Pauline, C. Bewicke, 8-11-4	S. May
407	43-2241	El Menino, C. Bewicke, 7-11-4	J. King
409	4-02031	Line Shooter (C-D), F. Walwyn, 6-11-4	K. Mooney
410	f	Ocean Voyage, A. Dickinson, 6-11-4	M. Dickinson
411		Tummuz, F. Walwyn, 10-11-4	W. Smith

2-1 Mac's Chariot, 11-4 Line Shooter, 4-1 Space Project, 11-2 Tummuz, 8-1 Ocean Voyage, 12-1 others.

3.30 OTELEY HURDLE (£3,932: 2m)

501	03-1011	Beacon Light (D), R. Turnell, 7-12-2	A. Turnell
502	21411-f	Sea Pigeon (C-D), M. H. Easterby, 8-11-12	J. J. O'Neill
503	03217-0	Acquaint (C-D), F. Winter, 7-11-10	Mr N. Henderson
505	041	Nougat (C-D), J. Gifford, 8-11-4	G. Enright
507	431-330	Gambling Prince (D), J. P. Jones, 5-11-3	H. J. Evans
508	411	Norfolk Air (D), F. Rimell, 5-11-3	J. Burke

5-4 Sea Pigeon, 7-4 Beacon Light, 8-1 Acquaint, 10-1 Nougat, 16-1 Norfolk Air, 25-1 Gambling Prince.

4.0 RIPLEY HURDLE (4-y-o novices: £854: 2m)

603	01	Caraux, Miss A. Sinclair, 11-5	R. Rowell
605	73	Dark Room (D), C. Bewicke, 11-5	J. King
608	2142	Persian Crown (C-D), R. Turnell, 11-5	A. Turnell
609	132222	Silver Tempest (D), P. Mitchell, 11-5	R. G. Hughes
611	1	Sweet Kybo, J. Gifford, 11-5	R. Champion
613	00	Albion Prince, F. Rimell, 11-0	C. Tinkler
614	43	All Amber, F. Winter, 11-0	—
616	0	Bizique, N. Gaselee, 11-0	J. Snaith 8
618	03	Busability, A. Jones, 11-0	John Williams
621		Christmas Visit, B. Hills, 11-0	Mr N. Henderson
625	0	Ernel, C. Benstead, 11-0	R. Atkins
627		Gaetooboe, A. Moore, 11-0	G. Cracey 5
628		Grand Hussar, L. Kennard, 11-0	Mr A. Walter 5
629	040	*Jonswallow, D. Weeden, 11-0	—
630		Mister Buck, D. Nicholson, 11-0	R. Mangan
631	000	Pontylay, J. O'Donoghue, 11-0	P. McGarrigle 7
634	0	Saffron Gamble, L. Kennard, 11-0	R. R. Evans
635	0	Sheer Silk, G. Balding, 11-0	J. Fox
636	0	Solidity, D. Nicholson, 11-0	J. Suthern

11-4 Sweet Kybo, 7-2 Persian Crown, 5-1 All Amber, 6-1 Bizique, 7-1 Dark Room, 10-1 Christmas Visit, 14-1 others.

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Regent's Garden. 2.0 Manny Boy. 2.30 True Wish. 3.0 MAC'S CHARIOT is specially recommended. 3.30 Sea Pigeon. 4.0 Persian Crown.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
4.0 Jonswallow.

Stratford programme

1.15 NIMROD STEEPLECHASE (Div I: Hunters: £433: 3¼m)

1	123121-	Horoscope (CD), D. White, 15-12-10	Mrs R. White 7
3	003114-	Gin Fizz, F. Gilman, 11-12-7	Mr C. Saunders
6	0p20-	Air General (CD), M. Thorne, 9-12-0	Mr M. Thorne 7
7		Beaujolais-Boy, D. Parker, 11-12-0	Mr R. Mann 7
11	p-	Clonmellon, Mrs E. Lees, 11-12-0	Mr R. King 7
13	01p-	Escallop, L. Garfield, 8-12-0	Mrs A. Garfield 7
15	p	Hoche, P. Sheppard, 11-12-0	Mr A. Harris 7
18	240-	Just the Job, H. Harper, 15-12-0	Mr R. Harper 7
20		Lazy Lady, Mrs V. McNamara, 8-12-0	Mr M. Brisbourne 5
25		Old Kinvara, J. Ahern, 7-12-0	Mrs J. Barlow 7
28	4020p-	Patont, M. Churches, 8-12-0	Mr R. Treloggan 7
30	pp	Shady Barge, Mrs L. Jephson, 8-12-0	Maj A. Cramsie

9-4 Horoscope, 3-1 Gin Fizz, 5-1 Air General, 6-1 Clonmellon, 8-1 Just the Job, 12-1 Escallop, Old Kinvara, 16-1 others.

1.45 ELSINORE STEEPLECHASE (Div I: £784: 2½m)

201	1-01412	Bawnogues (CD), M. Tate, 7-11-12	C. Smith
204	002011	Beige Prince, J. Gifford, 8-11-12	H. Davies 7
205	03f133	Jackstones, D. Nicholson, 7-11-5	R. Dickin
206	2-40212	Lok Yee, R. Carter, 8-11-5	—
211	10-0003	Aloha Prince, H. Westbrook, 6-10-12	S. Smith-Eccles
215	000-00p	Angel's Nip, J. Webber, 6-10-12	A. Webber
216		Colfpar, J. Priday, 6-10-12	G. Jones
217	00012f	Couteau, M. Ryan, 7-10-12	R. Mann
218	p-0p004	Harry Hawke, B. Palling, 6-10-12	C. Candy
221	ppf-f00	Lanky Jack, M. Scudamore, 7-10-12	R. Kington
224		Philcot, J. Thorne, 7-10-12	R. Hoare 5
227	p00-03p	Rathowen, J. Spearing, 7-10-12	G. McCourt
228	0d0-02	Scorl, D. Morley, 8-10-12	B. Davies
229	p00000-	Scoupee, L. Merson, 6-10-12	P. Richards 3
233	0p-420p	Young King, J. Cobden, 8-10-12	S. May

3-2 Scorl, 5-1 Beige Prince, 4-1 Bawnogues, 6-1 Jackstones, 10-1 Yok Lee, 12-1 Aloha Prince, Couteau, 20-1 others.

2.15 SWAN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,615: 2m)

302	3100-40	Spanish Tan (D), D. Morley, 10-11-12	B. Davies
303	4-44132	Lanky Lad (CD), D. Nugent, 10-10-12	S. Jobar
306	012412	Star Dyker (D), F. Walwyn, 8-10-8	M. Floyd
308	020-011	Tauru (D), J. Cobden, 7-10-0	S. May
309	342222	Dornie (C), P. Arthur, 8-10-0	—
310	344300	Sicilian Son, M. Tate, 11-10-0	R. Hyett
311	3-04	Golden Warrior, A. Silvester, 10-10-0	C. Smith

11-4 Lanky Lad, 7-2 Tauru, 4-1 Spanish Tan, 9-2 Star Dyker, 8-1 Dornie, 14-1 Sicilian Son, 20-1 Golden Warrior.

2.45 STRATFORD-UPON-AVON HURDLE (Handicap: £2,548: 2¼m)

402	111100	Blue Chrome, Miss S. Hall, 6-12-0	—
403	p00041	Tragus, D. Morley, 6-11-10	B. Davies
405	b0311-3	Water Colour (CD), M. Tate, 9-11-6	C. Smith
407	00f024	Donnison, M. Tate, 7-10-12	R. Hyett
408	10-f33p	Holemoor Boy, Miss S. Morris, 9-10-12	P. Carvill 7
409	204010	Prescott (D), G. Balding, 7-10-12	R. Bailey
410	002131	Nice To See You, D. Gandolfo, 5-10-11	P. Barton
411	042203	Willie Wumpkins, Mrs T. Pilkington, 10-10-6	Mr A. Wilson
412	100120	Silversmith, I. Wardle, 5-10-5	M. Leak 7
414	023-020	Sounding Arch, D. Pearman, 5-10-0	G. McCourt
415	230000	Bleu Hemel, H. Ford, 5-10-0	P. Kelly

4-1 Water Colour, 9-2 Tragus, 5-1 Nice To See You, 6-1 Donnison, 8-1 Blue Chrome, Holemoor Boy, 10-1 Silversmith, 12-1 Prescott, Willie Wumpkins, 20-1 others.

3.15 ELSINORE STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £732: 2½m)

501	20-1331	Joe Kelly, D. Gandolfo, 7-11-12	P. Barton
504	040214	Prime Justice, J. Millington, 8-11-5	Mr P. Millington 7
505	0400p	*Bargey Boy, C. Miller, 6-10-12	—
506	fpf	Black Auster, L. Merson, 8-10-12	P. Richards
508	0rf0p	Flemingstown, F. Rimell, 8-10-12	R. Jones
514	00	Haddon Boy, J. Bosley, 8-10-12	Mr S. Shilston 7
516	0-04u3f	Law Society, F. Yardley, 7-10-12	—
518	000-000	More Luck, D. Morley, 6-10-12	B. Davies
520	00-4034	Physicist, J. Gifford, 6-10-12	H. Davies 7

11-10 Joe Kelly, 13-8 Physicist, 8-1 More Luck, 10-1 Prime Justice, 14-1 Flemingstown, 20-1 others.

3.45 NIMROD STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Hunters: £431: 3¼m)

605	2223-	Adulation (CD), R. Roberts, 11-12-0	Mr R. Roberts 5
608	00p-	Ben Ruler (CD), M. Thorne, 11-12-0	Miss D. Thorne 7
610	2331pf-	Caille, Mrs J. Brookes, 10-12-0	Mrs N. Lay 7
612	0-	Dandy Man, Mrs H. Hobley, 9-12-0	—
614	240000-	Gervic, J. Elliot, 9-12-0	Mr M. Elliot 7
617	03402p-	Indian Red, P. Mann, 13-12-0	Mr M. Mann 7
619	00-	Knightsbridge, J. Mahon, 11-12-0	Mr R. Chugg 5
623	40u310-	Mr Rusty, F. Gilman, 11-12-0	Mr C. Saunders
624	0f-	Mr Silver, J. Keen, 12-12-0	Mr J. Keen 7
626	0f203p-	Parnasus, W. Owens, 11-12-0	Mr W. Owens 7
629		Redcoat, Mrs C. Saunders, 11-12-0	Miss Caroline Saunders 7
632	204303-	Tudoramum, Mrs E. Cockburn, 9-12-0	Mr B. Cockburn 7

5-4 Adulation, 4-1 Caille, 6-1 Redcoat, 8-1 Tudoramum, 10-1 Parnasus, 12-1 Indian Red, Mr Rusty, 16-1 others.

4.15 CYMBELINE HURDLE (4-y-o novices: £586: 2m)

1	2131	Sean (D), F. Rimell, 11-7	—
3	142004	Before Eight (D), A. Rumsey, 11-0	M. Charlesworth 7
4	04221	Island Liner (D), M. Dolahooke, 11-0	G. Jones
5	0310	Lucky Runner, D. Gandolfo, 11-0	P. Barton
7	2010	Officially (CD), P. Calver, 11-0	R. Linley
14	f0	Bestreaked, E. Warren, 10-7	M. Young 7
15	p44	Chestnut Walk, M. McCourt, 10-7	G. McCourt
17	00004	Glenfern, K. Bridgwater, 10-7	Mr P. O'Connor 7
20	0	Le Pretendant, C. Dingwall, 10-7	P. Blacker
21	0200	Linton, D. Underwood, 10-7	J. Redmond 7
23	00	Scots Laird, J. Webber, 10-7	A. Webber
26	04p0	Scalegation, J. Spearing, 10-7	C. Candy
28	pp00	Whistlers Princess, H. Ford, 10-7	P. Kelly

5-2 Island Liner, 3-1 Sean, 5-1 Lucky Runner, 6-1 Officially, 8-1 Linton, 12-1 Before Eight, 14-1 Chestnut Walk, Le Pretendant, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner.

Stratford-on-Avon selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.15 Air General. 1.45 Bawnogues. 2.15 Spanish Tan. 2.45 TRAGUS is specially recommended. 3.15 Physicist. 3.45 Adulation. 4.15 Sean.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Aloha Prince. 2.15 Spanish Tan. 2.45 Tragus. 3.15 More Luck.

Sandown Park results

1.30 (1.35) FEBRUARY HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £855: 2m)
Tarbank, b g, by Targogan—Cherrybank (L. Thwaites), 5-11-0 W. Smith (1-1) 1
Romany Furlong .. A. Turnell (9-1) 2
Ruby Wine J. Francome (evens fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 Manhill Bell, 16-1 Modern Times, 20-1 March Morning, Conderian, Ironfighter (pu), Palmerston, Pride of Tennessee (4th), 25-1 No Belle, Grecian Alpha, Professor Plum, 33-1 Boxwood, Lochalde, Master Tramp, Slightly Bent, Whittington, All Right Jack, Challow, Fools Rush In, Gracious Spirit, Manbulloo, McBride (pu), Sky Match, Zebak (pu). 26 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 23p, 17p, 11p; dual forecast, 87p. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 4l, 10l.

2.0 (2.3) PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,601: 2m 18yd)
Viewfinder, b g, by Menelek—Viewless (J. Brazil), 8-11-8 M. O'Halloran (5-2 fav) 1
Harry Hotspur N. Holman (10-1) 2
Socket .... R. Rowell (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Rough and Tumble, 9-2 Royal Thrust, 8-1 Red Bin, 12-1 Summer Dance (pu), 16-1 Boom Docker, 25-1 Canit (4th), Our Arthur. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 19p, 24p, 27p; dual forecast, £1.89. P. Cundell, at Compton. 1½l, 6l.

2.30 (2.32) LEISURE CARAVAN PARKS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £6,885: 3m 118yd)
Master H, ch g, by Master Owen—Last Resort (S. Marsh), 9-11-3 J. Francome (4-1) 1
Tied Cottage L. O'Donnell (13-2) 2
Bachelors Hall R. Champion (5-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Broncho II (f), 4-1 Royal Frolic (4th), 20-1 Our Edition. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 16p, 24p; dual forecast, £1.30. M. Oliver, at Droitwich. 4l, 4l.

3.0 (3.8) WILFRED JOHNSTONE STEEPLECHASE (£750: 2½m 68yds)
Dancing Brig, br g, by New Brig—Dancing Deal (P. Harris), 7-12-7 Mr. A. J. Wilson (5-2 fav) 1
Southern Lad Mr A. Wates (10-1) 2
Mastership Mr B. Stevens (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Spartan Missile (u), 11-2 High Ken (f), 12-1 Mockey Joe (u), 14-1 Apache Chief, 20-1 Bogey Morn Evagoras, Icoflow, Newscaster (b), Romanus, The Coalman, 25-1 Spartan Sandal, 33-1 Curlew River (4th), Kilgorts (f), Mans Glow (f), Moon View. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 12p, 27p, £2.67; dual forecast, £1.70. P. Cundell, at Compton. 3l, 6l.

3.30 (3.40) WAVEDON HURDLE (Handicap: £1,053: 2m 5f 75yds)
Quuckapenny, b m, by Espresso—Neopolitan Lou (E. Courage), 8-12-0 ...... T. Andrews (9-1) 1
Sound Prospect T. McGee (9-2 fav) 2
Hay Bridge ...... K. Whyte (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Tree Breeze, 13-2 Foolsome (4th), Prince Hanham (p), 10-1 Tara Dream, 13-1 Listercombe, 14-1 Master Butcher, Virginia Drive, 16-1 Major Role (f), 20-1 Minnegaff, Fury Spirit (p), Nagari, Our Fantasy, Regal Bird, Tahind, 25-1 Winslow Boy, 33-1 Barsilleon (p), Scots Gambol, Wondayle, Glengnash. 22 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.31; places, 25p, 11p, 18p, 18p; dual forecast, £5.10. E. R. Courage, at Banbury. 1l, 1½l. Oh Honey did not run.

4.0 (4.13) FEBRUARY HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £872: 2m)
Timoshenko, b g, by Tiepolino II—Doubtful Nelly (Mrs C. Smoth), 6-11-6 ...... C. Tinkler (5-1) 1
Master Thief .. D. Coomber (16-1) 2
Hunters Joy .. R. Champion (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Admetus, 100-30 Lord Gulliver, 14-1 Nolina, Sarah Slave, Sliago, 16-1 Straight Jocelyn (4th), Gerazise Wood, Merry Kerry, 20-1 Codebreaker, River Mahwa, St Johns, 33-1 Knock Hard Again, Dawn Gazer, Happy Countryman, Quartic Melody, Rolkonalia, Kerry Street, Mr Ben, Scottish Mandate, Valarion (p). 25 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 18p, 26p, 83p; dual forecast, £3.63. T. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 6l, 1½l. Clems Dream and Dornie did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Master H and Quickapenny, £46.80. TREBLE: Viewfinder, Dancing Brig and Timoshenko, £44.40. JACKPOT: Not won; £2,443.50 carried forward to today. PLACEPOT: £58.46.

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Cricket

Play starring Willis as Captain Houdini

New Plymouth, Feb 3.—Bob Willis continued his eventful reign as acting captain here today, playing the hero's role as England tied with Central Districts off the last ball of the match. It is the only time a tie has been played in a first-class match in New Zealand and is the first tied match in first-class cricket since Sussex played Essex at Hove in 1974.

Willis, leading the England side in the absence of Boycott, bowled the last over of the match, with the local team needing five runs to win. Singles were taken off his first and fourth balls and two runs were scored off the seventh tieing the scores with Central Districts' last batsmen at the crease.

Willis, 6ft 6in tall, thundered in to bowl the last ball as the fieldsmen ringed Horne, the local hero, to cut off a single. Horne swung, missed completely and had his leg stump knocked back to the delight of the 2,500 crowd

The result, in the exotic setting of Pukekura Park where the spectators sit on terraced grass banks amid ferns and streams, was a fitting end to the three-day match in which fortunes changed constantly

ENGLAND: First innings, 296 for 6 dec (M. W. Gatting 66: A. B. Jordan 3 for 58).

Second innings
B. C. Rose, c Horne, b Aberhart 13
C. T. Radley, c Anderson, b O'Sullivan 11
B. W. Randall, c O'Sullivan, b Aberhart 13
G. J. A. Roope, c Aberhart, b O'Sullivan 10
M. W. Gatting, c Anderson, b Bracewell 10
G. Miller, c Edwards, b O'Sullivan 5
C. M. Old, c Bracewell, b Jordan 0
G. A. Cope, not out 20
†P. R. Downton, c Smith, b O'Sullivan 0
J. K. Lever, b Aberhart 4
*R. G. D. Willis, c Anderson, b O'Sullivan 1
Extras (b 4, l-b 7, n-b 6) 17
Total 104

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—26, 2—34, 3—50, 4—55, 5—71, 6—71, 7—71, 8—77, 9—86, 10—104.

BOWLING: Jordan, 15—7—31—1; Aberhart, 15—5—33—3; O'Sullivan, 17.1—8—14—5; Bracewell, 2—0—9—1.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS: First Innings 198 (D. R. O'Sullivan 31; R. D. G. Willis 5 for 45).

Second Innings
R. W. Anderson, c Old, b Miller 31
I. A. Rutherford, c Gatting, b Lever 9
M. J. F. Shrimpton, c Randall, b Miller 16
G. N. Edwards, c Randall, b Cope 39
M. Toynbee, run out 5
I. Smith, b Cope 4
T. Horne, b Willis 40
D. W. Bracewell, run out 11
D. R. O'Sullivan, b Willis 14
D. C. Aberhard, c Randell, b Old 11
A. B. Jordan, not out 1
Extras (b 10, lb 6, n-b 5) 21
Total 202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—30, 2—49, 3—96, 4—102, 5—114, 6—117, 7—158, 8—183, 9—197, 10—202.

BOWLING: Willis 6—1—13—2; Old, 9—2—37—1; Lever, 5—0—12—1; Miller, 12—2—58—2; Cope, 11—0—61—2.—Reuter.

Australia win Test match by 47 runs and the series by 3-2

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Adelaide, Feb 3

Bishen Bedi and his Indian team were the recipients of all kinds of warm messages here today after Australia had won the last Test match, and the series with it, by 47 runs. A tour which had begun with fears being voiced that India could not catch the public imagination, thus ended with all eyes today on the Adelaide Oval.

Needing 493 to win, India had reached 415 for six this morning, with Kirmani and Ghavri playing well, when, with the new ball, Australia made the break which they were desperately wanting. To have scored 505 in their first innings and lost the match is something the young Australians, shortly leaving for West Indies, might have found seriously dispiriting. Even as it was, India's total of 445 is the second largest made in the fourth innings of a Test match. Only England's 654 for five at Durban in 1939 is larger.

Asked afterwards whether the series was the best he has played in, Simpson replied: "If it is not as good as 1960-61" (the year of the tied Test with West Indies) "it was certainly no worse." That could have been a very subtle or a very tired observation. Having lost the first two Tests and won the next two, India finally lost this last one 20 minutes after lunch today, when Chandra Sekhar was leg-before to Simpson's googly. A brilliant slip catch a moment earlier, by Cosier off Callen, to get rid of Bedi, had marked the virtual end.

Since Wednesday afternoon Australia had been out in the sun, weakened not only by the heat (the temperature was over 100 degrees again today) but also by the absence of Thomson and the sickness of Callen, who, although he took two of the last three wickets to fall, was bowling with a virus.

The match, lasting into the sixth afternoon, is the longest to have been played in Australia (in terms of playing time) since timeless Tests ended with the last war. Yet it was never remotely boring. "Another triumph for traditional cricket" blazed this morning's headlines. If India were fortunate to be up against one of the weaker Australian sides (Australia were weak enough in England last summer, before the Packerites departed), it must be remembered, in fairness to them, that India have some notable victories to their credit in recent years—over England and West Indies as well as Australia. With the exception of West Indies, they are the most experienced side in Test cricket, and they have benefited greatly in Australia from finding some good wickets to bat on.

Bedi is one of the great characters of cricket and his side seemed as cheerful in defeat as they might have done in victory. Simpson's, on the other hand, looked drained. It had been a long, long struggle, and hanging over them, for it must be a daunting prospect as much as a delightful one, is their tour to West Indies.

If, as we hear, West Indies pick those of their Packer players who are not already talking of retirement, it means that these young Australians are in for a rough, tough time. Although Holding has seldom been fit our here this winter, Roberts has bowled faster and better than he has managed to do for a long time for Hampshire. Although Fredericks has announced that he will play no more Test cricket, and Lloyd is unsure that he will, West Indies have in Vivian Richards the world's most brilliant batsman. Heaven knows what Richards will do to this Australian attack, even when Thomson does reinforce it.

Bedi said this afternoon that he was sure the Australians would come back from West Indies better cricketers than when they leave. Some of them will, I am sure. I only hope that others will not have lost their nerve, because of the barrage of short-pitched bowling they are bound to have to face, or their love of cricket, because of the undertones there are certain to be if, for the first time in an official Test match, Mr Packer's players, so widely villified, face the established order.

The next time Simpson and his team of tyros take the Test field, at Port of Spain on March 3, it may not be as hot as in Adelaide these last few days, but it could be a lot more torrid.

AUSTRALIA: 505 (G. Yallop 121, R. Simpson 100; B. Chandrasekhar 5 for 136) and 256 (R. Darling 56, R. Simpson 51; K. Ghavri, 4 for 45, B. Bedi 5 for 53).

INDIA: First innings 269 (G. Viswanath 89; W. Clark 4 for 62).

Second innings
S. Gavaskar, c Rixon, b Callen 29
C. Chauhan, c Wood, b Yardley 32
M. Amarnath, c Callen, b Yardley 86
G. Viswanath, c Simpson, b Clark 73
D. Vengsarkar, c Toohey, b Yardley 78
A. Gaekwad, c and b Yardley 12
S. Kirmani, b Clark 51
K. Ghavri, c sub, b Callen 23
E. Prasanna, not out 10
B. Bedi, c Cosier, b Callen 16
B. Chandrasekhar, c Rixon, b Simpson 2
Extras (b 6, l-b 11, n-b 16) 33
Total 445

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—40, 2—79, 3—210, 4—256, 5—323, 6—348, 7—415, 8—417, 9—442, 10—445.

BOWLING: I. Callen, 33—5—108—3; W. Clark, 29—6—79—3; B. Yardley, 43—6—134—4; R. Simpson, 23.1—6—70—1; G. Cosier, 15—6—31—0.

Bedi denies offer of WSC contract

Sydney, Feb 3.—Bishan Bedi and Sunil Gavaskar are to be offered $A50,000 contracts to play for World Series Cricket next season, the *Sydney Sun* newspaper claimed today.

But Bedi, who said recently he was open to offers to play in Australia, said in Adelaide that he had not been contacted by any WSC representatives. "And I don't want to say anything until I do", he added. There was no immediate comment on the report by WSC officials.—Reuter.

Roberts shatters World XI with five for six

Sydney, Feb 3.—A magnificent spell of pace bowling by Roberts here today piloted the West Indian XI into the world series cricket international one-day cup final.

In a 20-ball burst Roberts took five wickets for just six runs to bundle a World XI out for 166—22 runs short of the modest West Indian total of 188.

Only a gritty seventh-wicket partnership of 72 between Greig, top scorer for the World team with 46, and Knott, 44 not out, saved the World XI from annihilation.

The West Indians go through to Sunday's winner-take-all final and the World XI must battleitout with an Australian XI here tomorrow to decide the other finalist.

A bitterly-disappointed Greig, the World XI captain, said: "I thought we had a great show after dismissing the West Indians but Andy oRberts wrecked us—like I said before, he's the greatest fast bowler in the world today."

Roberts finished with five for 17 off eight overs, while Daniel chipped in with three for 26 off 6.7 overs.

West Indies, 188 (C. King 65; M. Procter 3 for 29, Imran Khan 3 for 28); World XI, 166 (A. Greig 46, A. Knott 40 not out; A. Roberts 5 for 17).

Skating

Missing gold a question of figures for Cousins

From John Hennessy
Strasbourg, Feb 3

The lovers of pure skating await the coming of Robin Cousins. The words come not from a hopelessly prejudiced fellow-Briton but from the leading French skating journalist, as abstracted today from his newspaper. I hope they will dispel any possible impression that the views expressed here yesterday (and, I have no doubt, in other British newspapers) exaggerated the impact that the British champion made in his free skating last night.

Elsewhere we read that Cousins, at 20, is quite simply the most beautiful skater in the world. That whereas Jan Hoffmann, the East German winner of the overall competition, was given an ovation, Cousins was *plébiscité*, meaning that the public demanded more. We have every reason to hope that the compulsory figures will not remain hard work. Now that Cousins has a privileged position under the tuition of Carlo Fassi in the United States we confidently expect an improvement there, too.

A study of the individual marks of the nine judges points an important moral. Cousins, by common agreement, did a poor first figure (rocker). All too often the poor marks are called into question, but these were not, by either Cousins or Fassi. One can now see from the columns of statistics that had his first figure attracted the same marks as his other two he would have overtaken not only Vladimir Kovalev (Soviet Union), who finished second, but also Hoffmann.

The judges from Denmark, Yugoslavia and West Germany would have joined those from Britain and France and Cousins would therefore have secured the required majority of five firsts among nine judges. It may not have worked out exactly that way but the statistical argument is valid.

Not that there is any disposition within the British camp to dwell on what-might-have-beens. It is sufficient for the moment to bask in the afterglow of a brilliant performance by the British champion. Younger than his two principal rivals, he has time on his side.

Kovalev was 25 yesterday and, although Hoffmann is still only 22 he has been competing internationally for 10 years, so that the store of experience of both is extensive. Hoffmann will probably take up medical studies after this season, so one way and another the advance of Cousins to the summit seems assured. The operations he has had on both knees are now forgotten.

Andrew Bestwick, the second British entry, made an agreeable first appearance in an international championship and was placed twelfth. Starting in the second group, he displayed a talent that lifted the competition on to a different plane.

The star of the show this afternoon was Elena Vodorezova, a 14-year-old Russian, who promises to repair the one gap in the Soviet Union's skating repertoire earlier than might have been expected. She was placed first by all nine judges in the short programme and thus moved up from eighth place after the compulsory figures to fifth.

It is fortunate for Anett Pötzsch, the East German holder of the title, that she was able to build up such a lead over the young Russian yesterday otherwise her dethronement might have come sooner than we expected.

Miss Vodorezova successfully achieved all the required elements tacking a triple toe loop on to the staturory double toe loop and rounding off a superb display with the catch-foot spin over the head that Denise Biellmann, a young Swiss, has recently brought to prominence.

Miss Pötzsch, on the other hand, sprawled on landing her triple Salchow in the combination and held her balance on the double Axel with a hand on the ice. In the circumstances her marks, ranging from 5.0 to 5.4, from the Italian judge, owed much to her reputation.

Second place in the short went, surprisingly, to Susanna Driano, of Italy, suprisingly because Miss Biellmann is undeniably a superior free skater. But the Swiss, finding life at 15 a little harder than it was at 14, had a shaky double Axel and that probably made all the difference between her and the Italian.

She will be expected to surpass Miss Driano over the four minutes of free skating, as distinct from the two minutes for the short, but for the moment she is not quite the stunning performer we remember from a year ago.

Karena Richardson, the British champion, achieved a flawless short programme yet finds herself reduced from eleventh place to thirteenth, overtaken by not only Miss Biellmann, which was inevitable, but also by Natalia Strelkova, the second Russian, who ascended from fourteenth place to eleventh. These Russian women now really have got the bit between the teeth.

Skiing

Girl told never to ski again wins world slalom title

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, W Germany, Feb 3.—Lea Soelkner, of Austria, warned by doctors three years ago never to ski competitively, today upset the favourites to win the women's world slalom title and give Austria their third gold medal in four races at the world championships. Miss Soelkner, aged 19, was born with one leg shorter than the other and before the 1978 Olympics doctors told her that any competitive skiing could permanently damage her left hip joint.

She has a slight limp when walking, but on skis, where she uses a special boot, she proved unbeatable today. She won the title by almost half a second from West Germany's Pamela Behr. Monika Kaserer, of Austria, picked up the bronze medal completely to upset the form book.

Miss Soelkner said that she raced flat out and did not worry about tactics. "I looked upon it as just another race and skied it that way. It was only when I finished the second run and everybody started to embrace me that I realized it wasn't just another race", she said.

In the three years she has been with the Austrian team, since her father signed a special waiver accepting any responsibility if she became permanently lame, she has finished in almost every place except first. She became the most consistent skier in the team but never thought she would win a world title. "I still can't believe it. I thought I might win a medal but never the gold", she said.

Her success lay in the way in which she mastered the two runs on a heavy, wet course with snow falling throughout. The first course was the more difficult and she set the foundation for her win by posting the fastest time in 41.82sec.

Only Miss Kaserer was faster than her on the second course where a time of 43.03 gave her a total of 84.85 sec. Miss Behr turned in times of 42.03 and 43.30 to take the silver in 85.33 and Miss Kaserer's second run hoisted her above Perrine Pelen, of France. She clocked 42.39 and 42.98 for a total of 85.37. Miss Pelen, aged 17, was fourth in 85.67 and her team colleague, Fabienne Serrat fifth in 85.75.

Hanni Wenzel, along with Switzerland's Lise-Marie Morerod, the pre-race favourite, made the mistake of taking the first heat too easily. The Liechtenstein skier could not catch up and finished sixth, one place above Miss Morerod.

WOMEN'S SLALOM: 1, L. Soelkner (Austria), 41.82sec and 43.03sec=84.85; 2, P. Behr (W Germany), 42.03 and 43.30=85.33; 3, M. Kaserer (Austria), 42.39 and 42.98=85.37; 4, P. Pelen (France), 42.37 and 43.30=85.67; 5, F. Serrat (France), 42.58 and 43.17=85.75; 6, H. Wenzel (Liechtenstein), 42.76 and 43.33=86.09; 7, L-M. Morerod (Switzerland), 43.43 and 43.16=86.59; 8, C. Giordani (Italy), 42.91 and 43.96=86.87; 9, C. Zechmeister (W. Germany), 43.24 and 43.75=85.99; 10, R. Mussenlachner (W. Germany), 43.29 and 44.14=87.43. British placings: 36, A. Robb, 48.98 and 50.35=99.33; 38, V. Iliffe, 49.03 and 51.10=100.13; 40, L. Holmes, 50.12 and 50.87=100.99.—UPI.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Courmayeur	165	290	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-2
Large amount of new snow							
Davos	85	170	Good	Powder	Good	Cloud	-6
Heavy snowfall, some runs closed							
Flaine	200	270	Good	Powder	Good	Cloud	-17
New powder on good base							
Kitzbühel	50	95	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	1
Good skiing, visibility poor							
Lermoos	70	190	Good	Varied	Good	Snow	-2
Some avalanche danger							
Les Menuires	180	320	Good	Powder	Fair	Fair	-5
Avalanche danger							
Saas-Fe	100	215	Fair	Crust	Good	Fine	-6
Crust in most areas							
S Moritz	105	125	Good	Varied	Good	Cloud	-10
Soft crust on exposed slopes							
Val d'Isère	200	380	Good	Powder	Good	Fair	-2
Some top runs still closed							
Wengen	100	150	Good	Heavy	Closed	Snow	-4
Only limited skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

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	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Finse	135	145	Good	—	-10
Geilo	40	100	Good	—	-5
Gol	55	70	Good	—	-5
Lillehammer	70	105	Good	—	-3
Norefjell	140	180	Good	—	-5
Oslo	105	110	Good	—	-5
Rjukan	40	100	Good	—	-7
Voss	105	115	Good	—	-5

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: No report. Roads blocked. Glenshee: All main runs complete, new snow on firm base. Lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow. Vertical runs, 1,000ft. Access roads, clear. Snow level, 2,000ft. Glencoe: All main runs and lower slopes complete, new snow on firm base. Vertical runs, 900ft. Access roads, clear. Snow level, 800ft.

Boxing

Conteh can earn chance to recapture his crown

John Conteh's hopes of a quick challenge to regain his forfeited world light-heavyweight crown could crumble on his return to the ring at the Sobell Centre, Islington, next Tuesday after a lay-off of almost a year. Joe Cokes, his 30-year-old Texan opponent, believes he can ruin Conteh's comeback in a scheduled 10-round bout, although he does not have a great record as a professional.

His elder brother and manager Curtis Cokes, a former world welterweight champion, is confident: "Joe has a really good chance. He wants to be a champion. Conteh is a great fighter, no question, but he is meeting another on the way up and I think people will be in for a few surprises. You can see an upset on Tuesday. Joe is awful strong and a devastating hitter with both hands."

Joe Cokes has 30 wins and two draws to his credit in 39 professional contests. He began as a welterweight, but gave up boxing when his 10-month-old son died. Not until last October did he return.

The only factor against Conteh is 11 months of inactivity. He defended his championship by crushing Len Hutchins in three rounds last March, but was stripped of the title when he pulled out of another defence, against Miguel Cuello, in Monte Carlo.

After threats of legal action from both sides, Conteh is back in business. He can now earn a contest with Mate Parlov (Yugoslavia), the current champion, who took the title from Cuello in Milan last month. Conteh says he has had to train "very, very hard" because of the long lay-off. He must win on Tuesday night.

Gloucestershire's two

Gloucestershire seem certain to play their Packer players in county cricket next season. A club spokesman said yesterday: "We feel there will be general pleasure that Mike Procter and Zaheer Abbas will be available to play for us."

World bobsleigh event

Lake Placid, Feb 3.—Competitors from 13 nations are expected here at the weekend for the world bobsleigh championships at nearby Mount Vanhoevenberg here in New York State. The East Germans and the Swiss are the favourites.—UPI.

Cresta Run

ST MORITZ: Bott Cup (handicap race): 1, C. A. Haeberli, 166.79; 2, R. Schnyder, 167.16; 3, H. P. Beck, 167.82; 4, M. Mueller, 167.63; 5, P. R. Burch (GB), 167.73; 6, U. A. Nater, 168.36. Other British placings: 8, M. Buckley; 11, G. Greenall.

Seattle Slew to return

Hialeah, Florida, Feb 3.—The owners of Seattle Slew, the triple crown champion, confirmed last night that they have decided to continue racing their colt instead of retiring him to stud. The decision was made after Seattle Slew showed marked improvement from a mysterious illness that put a halt to his training schedule three weeks ago.—UPI.

Scarborough secretary

Ian Hall, a former Derbyshire opening batsman and Derby County footballer, has been appointed full-time secretary of Scarborough Cricket Club. He takes over in April. Mr Hall, a former schoolboy and youth football international, is a lecturer in physical education at Leicester Polytechnic.

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Rugby Union

Tidal wave of emotion may run again for Edwards and Wales

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

England play Wales at Twickenham this afternoon (2.30 pm) on one of the greatest and most emotive occasions in the domestic sporting calendar. It is said that, if the ground were large enough, a full house of just short of 60,000 might have been quadrupled with ease. It is also the day that marks the fiftieth successive appearance for his country of Gareth Edwards, already the most capped of Welsh players and the most honoured of scrum halves.

The Welsh team are sure to see that Edwards leads them on to the pitch and the roar of the crowd will reflect the admiration—not to say veneration in his own country—with which this great player is universally regarded. He first played for Wales in 1967. In a decade and more—not to mention his achievements with the Lions—he has been the hub in a march to four championships (as well as two shared), two grand slams and four triple crowns.

His has been an astonishingly durable as well as lustrous international career, because in all that time he has never missed a match for his country. He had to leave the field twice in injury against Australia in 1973, when Clive Shell, his replacement, touched the ball once, and against England at Twickenham in 1970, when his replacement was "Chico" Hopkins.

Two other members of a famous triumvirate, John P. R. Williams and Gerald Davies, are winning their 42nd caps; Williams, who plays in the Twickenham game in 1969, has never finished on the losing side against England. It is worth noting that the Welsh team is made up of 13 Lions, with the addition of Geoffrey Wheel, who was selected for New Zealand but could not travel, and Ray Gravell. Seven other Lions are unable to command a place in their national team.

Against this impressive array of talent and experience England are fielding a team which includes three new caps and is short of the pack with which the selectors had hoped to start their campaign. Roger Uttley fell by the wayside early. Now Fran Cotton, Peter Dixon and Robin Cowling are out of action, too.

The choice of John Horton at stand-off half in yet another English half-back pairing, is a gamble. If things go well for him, with the discriminating aid of Paul Dodge, a new centre, he could bring a much needed sparkle and a new dimenison to the midfield. However, one still has to be a chauvinist to suggest that England's backs have the more dangerous cutting edge.

A great deal may depend on the quality of possession won by the England pack and the extent to which they can put Edwards and Bennett under pressure. Even Edwards can look less than royal when he is getting bad ball and Bennett less than suave when the open-side flanker is breathing down his neck.

Such hopes are vain if Edwards should get a solid platform and Bennett all the time in the world at the end of that marvellous service. Edwards would then have the freedom to dictate where the game is played, although England will hope that in Squires, Slemen and Hignell they have a defensive triangle proof against all but his most Machiavellian kicking. Hignell believes himself thoroughly ready for the big time again and he is not the sort of man to play if he is not.

The England forwards remain capable, I believe, of giving their opponents an excellent run for their money at the set pieces. Although they do not look especially creative on the fringes, they have two highly combative flankers in Rafter and Mordell, the third new cap. There is not likely to be any lack of the courage and team spirit so evident in Paris.

If Barry Nelmes prospers at loose-head prop against Graham Price, a reconstituted England pack may achieve parity in the tight and better than that at the line-out. Scott, on his first appearance played a full part in this area in Paris but the man of the moment there, as he had been against France a year earlier, was Nigel Horton. On their own throw, England took 21 against France's eight, Horton winning 16 of them.

In Cardiff last season, a fine England pack gave its least distinguished performance and the Welsh managed to reduce Horton's influence. He confounded all the doubts about his fitness and freshness a fortnight ago at Parc des Princes and there can be no doubt that he is raring to have another crack at Wales.

Evans disenchanted

Geoffrey Evans, Coventry's 3rd centre, said yesterday he had lost his enthusiasm for international rugby.

Evans, aged 27, won the last of his nine caps in England's 1974 victory over Wales, was selected as travelling reserve for today's match. Earlier this week he said he was withdrawing for private reasons".

Yesterday he expanded: "The simple reason is that I have lost my enthusiasm for international rugger. It is no reflection on the fact that I was picked as a reserve. I would probably have done the same if I had been chosen to play. My stop-start season because of injuries has not helped, but I have thought long and hard before making any decision.

Today's teams at Twickenham

England			Wales	
Hignell (Cambridge U)	15	Full back	J. P. R. Williams (Bridgend)	15
Squires (Harrogate)	14	Right wing	T. G. R. Davies (Cardiff)	14
Corless (Moseley)	13	Right centre	R. W. Gravell (Llanelli)	13
Dodge (Leicester)	12	Left centre	S. P. Fenwick (Bridgend)	12
C. Slemen (Liverpool)	11	Left wing	J. J. Williams (Llanelli)	11
Horton	10	Stand-off	P. Bennett* (Llanelli)	10
Young (...orth)	9	Scrum half	G. O. Edwards (Cardiff)	9
Nelmes (Cardiff)	1	Prop	A. G. Faulkner (Pontypool)	1
Wheeler (Leicester)	2	Hooker	R. W. Windsor (Pontypool)	2
Burton (Gloucester)	3	Prop	G. Price (Pontypool)	3
Beaumont*	4	Lock	A. J. Martin (Aberavon)	4
Horton (Moseley)	5	Lock	G. A. D. Wheel (Swansea)	5
Mordell (...yn Park)	6	Flanker	J. Squire (Newport)	6
Scott (...yn Park)	8	No 8	D. Quinnell (Llanelli)	8
Rafter (...l)	7	Flanker	T. J. Cobner (Pontypool) *Captain	7

Referee: N. R. Sanson (Scotland)

Sanders's move may have first-class clubs' support

By Peter West

Sanders, the chairman of England's rugby selectors, suggests in the latest issue of *Rugby Post*, the official RFU publication, that the Union should consider moving the county championship, in its entirety, to the second half of the season, following the international programme. This idea will have the support of first-class clubs who have set to lose so many of their players for county championship and divisional games before the end of the year.

There are five Saturdays between the end of the international season and the last weekend which traditionally is reserved for the climax of the *Middlesex* seven-a-side tournament, and others like it. During the course of the international matches, alternate Saturdays would be available, too, and, between mid-January and mid-March, England by rota would be free of an international altogether on one occasion. Six Saturdays would be enough to complete the county championship, provided that all the divisions were split into two groups.



A famous triumvirate and their captain: Gerald Davies, Gareth Edwards, J. P. R. Williams and Phil Bennett plot England's downfall in practice at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, yesterday.

French flair to prick Scottish pride

By Richard Streeton

Seldom are the vagaries of rugby prediction more hazardous than when Scottish pride and a knack for thriving in adversity are involved, in the wet and wind at Murrayfield. The need to tread warily having been acknowledged, logic still makes France favourites to win today on the basis of the opening championship games a fortnight ago.

The French by no means had things all their own way against England, not least in the early exchanges between the forwards. They confirmed by the end, however, that they are formidable contenders to retain the international championship. Internal domestic problems have been overcome; a mixed showing against the All Blacks has been put behind them and a different approach in tactics compared with last winter, connected with a new half-back pairing, has already proved its worth.

Scotland, in contrast, looked unimaginative and at times slow against Ireland, despite the closeness of the final result. It is timely to dispose of the comforting legend for Scotland that the French fail to do themselves justice in Edinburgh. The record books show that since the war the teams have each won seven times at Murrayfield with one draw.

France have won the last three matches between the sides; the 23—3 margin in Paris last year was France's highest score and biggest winning margin in the series. In between the punches of a brutal match, Scotland's defence was ripped to shreds by brilliant French attacking ploys.

Now, if anything, the French have put their faith this season more than ever on handling skills, penetrative bursts stemming from speed, and counter attacks from effective frontal tackling. Their loose forwards have lost none of their creative ability and in Gallion they have found the latest in the long line of outstanding French scrum halves.

Vivies, the new stand-off, may not punt and seek the open spaces like Romeu but his basic intent is to involve his backs. Nobody should expect Vivies to have as shaky a game as he did on his first appearance against England. Only, perhaps, in the place-kicking do France look unreliable.

Scotland have tried again to have their cake and eat it, striking a compromise between attack and defence. They have made changes in their forwards that should bring greater mobility, with Pender (tight-head) and Deans (hooker) coming into the front row and Mackie to No 8. The pack, overall, still seem to lack the necessary bulk to take on the French giants with confidence.

The shuffle which restores Irvine to full back and puts Hay on the right wing will certainly enhance the chances of a telling contribution from Irvine. Whether Hay has enough pace remains to be proved. Scotland would have more cause for optimism, too, if Lawson's differences with the selectors were resolved. Clearly Scotland would be ill-advised to try and match the French in a 15-man style. They must concentrate on winning possession quickly and regularly so that they can at least dictate the game's pattern.

France will make mistakes that can be seized upon and they could be rattled by late pressure if they have failed to establish control by the middle of the second half. The majority of the French team come from the south and will not relish the conditions if the weather should deteriorate. The famous Murrayfield electric blanket has again done its work well this week, though the ground could be soft.

France should not miss Imbernon too badly at lock as his replacement, Haget, is another giant and an experienced player. Haget is a croupier in the Biarritz casino. By coincidence his inclusion, after Imbernon broke a leg last weekend, means that the French pack will be the same as two years ago when France won 13—6 and Scotland missed nine out of 10 penalty attempts at goal. This time I expect an even struggle early on with moments of flair and dazzle from France after half an hour or so, bringing them a convincing victory.

Today's teams at Murrayfield

Scotland			France	
A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP)	15	Full back	J.-M. Aguirre (Bagnères)	15
B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir)	14	Right wing	J.-F. Gourdon (Bagnères)	14
J. M. Renwick (Hawick)	13	Right centre	R. Bertranne (Bagnères)	13
I. R. McGeechan (Headingley)	12	Left centre	C. Belascain (Bayonne)	12
D. Shedden (West of Scotland)	11	Left wing	J.-L. Averous (La Voulte)	11
R. Wilson (London Scottish)	10	Stand-off	B. Vivies (Agen)	10
D. W. Morgan* (Stewart's Melville FP)	9	Scrum half	J. Gallion (Toulon)	9
J. McLaughlan (Jordanhill)	1	Prop	G. Cholley (Castres)	1
C. T. Deans (Hawick)	2	Hooker	A. Paco (Béziers)	2
N. E. K. Pender (Hawick)	3	Prop	R. Paparemborde (Pau)	3
A. J. Tomes (Hawick)	4	Lock	M. Palmié (Béziers)	4
A. F. McHarg (London Scottish)	5	Lock	F. Haget (Agen)	5
M. A. Biggar (London Scottish)	6	Flanker	J.-P. Rives (Stade Toulousain)	6
G. Y. Mackie (Highland)	8	No 8	J.-P. Bastiat* (Dax)	8
C. B. Hegarty (Hawick)	7	Flanker	J.-C. Skréla (Stade Toulousain)	7

*Captain

Referee: C. P. D. Thomas (Wales)

Question of leagues to be put to clubs

By Richard Streeton

All 1,879 clubs affiliated to the Rugby Football Union are to be canvassed for their views on competitive rugby, including leagues. This wa sagreed yesterday at a lengthy RFU committee meeting when the game's structure for the 1979-80 season onwards was discussed. Among other decisions taken was that the system of regional and divisional trials used by England this winter should be dropped next year because of the short tours of Argentina and New Zealand.

Every English club will shortly receive two questionaires from the RFU. One will seek their opinions on the system of merit tables, which were introduced for an experimental three seasons last year; whether the clubs want leagues as in Scotland; and their attitude to the county championship.

The second questionaire will be a form of census aimed at providing the RFU with information about each club, its buildings, finances and facilities. "We need this sort of information increasingly when dealing with governmental bodies", Air Commodore R. H. G. Weighill, the RFU's secretary, said: "At the moment for instance I honestly could not tell you how many clubs in this country have floodlights."

Sir Anthony Wharton, the RFU President, stressed that the questionaire on competitive rugby was not a referendum. "What we want is to obtain a cross-section of opinion from all the clubs. It will be used to formulate our future policy. It will give clubs a chance to say what they want and us a chance to do the best for rugby in England.

"If they should want leagues, we would look into the possibility of leagues, though they are a very difficult thing to operate. On the other hand, they might say our present system is perfect."

The answers from the clubs, which must be returned by March 31, will also go to constituent bodies and, at Twickenham, will be analysed by computer.

The RFU's plan to use the regional and divisional system of trials for three seasons had been overtaken by events, Sir Anthony said. By Christmas the All Blacks would have played all four divisional teams, and the Argentines would also have played representative area sides. In the circumstances, the England selectors felt that one national trial and a training weekend would be sufficient in 1978-79. England's first game was not until February 3. No policy decision about England's trial system after next winter had yet been taken.

The RFU will be hosts at a world refereeing congress at Bisham Abbey next October 9-13, and delegates from 60 countries will watch an England XV play Argentina at Twickenham on October 14. Profits from the Lions v Barbarians match at Twickenham last September had totalled £160,000

Football

Consolation prizes come into view as Forest sail off into the sunset

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

As the season's rewards pass them by, the first division clubs who are left watching Nottingham Forest speed away on three fronts begin to divert the disappointment of their supporters by talking of qualifying for next season's Uefa Cup. This is the award for industry in football terms and a blessing for the empty-handed.

The three clubs now six points behind Forest on 34 points, Manchester City, Everton and Liverpool, have all disappeared from the FA Cup. Although Liverpool, survivors in the League Cup, thankfully still have the European Cup to defend, there is no escaping from the impression that Forest's vein of success is straight and true and the rest are left to scrap over the consolation prizes.

Manchester United, having relinquished the FA Cup, are among the also-rans. David Sexton, their manager, said: "Just because we are out of the FA Cup, it is not the end of the season. It is just the beginning. We have now got to aim for a place in the top five for entry into Europe." Yet there is little but local pride at stake when United face Manchester City at Old Trafford this afternoon.

It is not to say that either club is any the less attractive to watch and one anticipates that United will become more effective when Jordan settles in and the defence is strengthened. The future of City is less clear, now that they have finally decided to release Tueart. They have not yet obtained the full worth of Channon but he seems likely to regain a regular place, today returning for his first full game since December 3.

Tony Book, the Manchester City manager, said he, too, wanted to avoid a premature "end of season attitude" and added that if anyone in the team played without conviction, changes would be made. Meanwhile, United have made theirs. Brian Greenhoff returns to the defence because Houston has to move to full back in place of Albiston, who is injured. Greenhoff's brother, Jimmy, becomes substitute.

Forest are unlikely to give a hint of hope to the pursuers by losing their home match with Wolverhampton Wanderers. If Wolves can maintain the standard achieved in an FA Cup match at Arsenal last week, they may have an outside chance but their defence is disrupted by the absence of the suspended Hazell. Although Brian Clough maintains, with a confident grin, that Manchester City remain Forest's most serious rivals, the only leading team still challenging them in all three competitions is Arsenal.

Arsenal would benefit a good deal today if United beat City, which is distinctly possible, Everton, without Thomas, Buckley, Darracott and Pearson, drop a home point to Leicester, and Liverpool unexpectedly lose to Coventry City, who will be without Yorath. Such a combination is all too much like sticking pins in football coupons but Arsenal need a share of luck if they are to achieve one or two of their ambitions.

Improved though they are, Arsenal tend to be cornered in defence. In attack, they feel that they can manage without Stapleton, although it would be surprising if they allowed him to sit out this afternoon's home match against Aston Villa now that his injured knee is better. He is, after all, the club's joint leading scorer with Macdonald.

Most of the pitches that were under water last weekend have dried but the match between Queen's Park Rangers and West Ham United is in doubt. There will be an inspection at 9.30

Cambridge close the gap

Tranmere 0 Cambridge 1

Cambridge United completed a double over Tranmere Rovers, the third division leaders, and moved into second place last night. Conditions were appalling but Cambridge created the better opportunities and scored the vital goal 15 minutes from the end, Biley scoring with a fine shot.

Earlier, Finney had created problems for Tranmere's defence, heading on to the bar and putting another effort inches wide. Tranmere produced a rousing finish, ames hitting the bar and Evans bringing a fine save from Webster.

Southend 2 Scunthorpe 0

Southend underlined their promotion challenge in the fourth division with a victory that took their tally to six points in eight days.

Burridge, who joined Southend on loan from Aston Villa this week, was rarely troubled. Abbott opened the scoring in the 37th minute, after beating off a strong challenge, and then put the ball between Cawford's legs for the second, 10 minutes after the interval.

Yesterday's results

Third division

Tranmere (0) 0 Cambridge (0) 1
3,823 Biley

LEADING POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tranmere	31	14	9	8	44	37	37
Cambridge	30	15	7	8	62	39	37
Gillingham	28	12	12	4	51	35	36
Wrexham	25	13	8	4	42	27	34
Preston	26	11	9	6	54	33	31

Fourth division

Southend (1) 2 Scunthorpe (0) 0
Abbott (2) 6,879

LEADING POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	27	21	2	4	60	23	44
Southend	28	15	7	6	38	22	37
Barnsley	26	11	10	5	38	23	32
Aldershot	27	11	10	6	37	25	32
Swansea	27	12	7	8	41	25	31

Lawn tennis

US include two of world's best partnerships

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

The enviable array of talent at the disposal of the United States tennis selectors is evident, in an unusual way, in the Davis Cup team they have chosen to play South Africa in an indoor tie at Nashville, Tennessee, from March 17-19.

The team includes two of the game's finest doubles partnerships: Fred McNair and Sherwood Stewart, who won the French championship and the Grand Prix Masters in 1976, and Vitas Gerulaitis and Alexander Mayer, the 1975 Wimbledon champions. Harold Solomon completes the team. The only snag, from an American point of view, is that South Africa have the best doubles team in the world—Bob Hewitt and Frew McMillan, who hold the United States championship and won last month's Masters tournament.

Britain's team manager, Paul Hutchins, has renewed his invitation to Christopher Mottram, No 1 in the national rankings, to make himself available for Davis Cup play. Hutchins has made it clear (not that this should be necessary) that Mottram would have to accept the financial terms and the team officials—Hutchins as captain and Roger Becker as coach—already accepted by the other players. Mottram has not played Davis Cup tennis since Hutchins dropped him from the team to play France at Eastbourne in July, 1976. Mottram has made it clear that he would prefer another captain.

The last of three tournaments in a weekend indoor series organized by the British Women's Tennis Association and sponsored by Tate and Lyle is being played this weekend at the Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham. A former Federation Cup player, Winnie Wooldridge, won the Bournemouth leg and Joanna Durie, aged 17, but already twelfth in the national rankings, was successful at Ilkley.

Hockey

Worcestershire should not be underrated

By Sydney Friskin

If the weather does not set too many problems the weekend hockey programme should be full of good things. There is a big league schedule today and there are important commitments tomorrow. The semi-final round of the county championship, sponsored by Rank Xerox, is to be played and an attempt will be made to complete the south and east finals of the national club championship, which have been postponed twice.

Two all-weather pitches have been made available at Liverpool as alternatives to the Northern Club ground on which the county championship match between Lancashire and Worcestershire is to be played. Similar arrangements are probably being made at Morlands Club, Glastonbury, the scene of the other semi-final tie between Somerset and Hertfordshire.

Much faith has already been placed in the paper manifestations of Lancashire's strength. Their captain, Blackmore, has played for North, England and Great Britain, so has Whalley. These are the pivots on which the entire Lancashire machinery will turn. But Worcestershire are not to be underrated. They are led by Disbury, a fine front runner and striker who has made 56 appearances for his county. He has been capped 12 times for England and eight times for Great Britain. Everything points here to a close and exciting match.

Somerset, having survived a testing and complicated struggle in the western region, must hope for better luck this time. Their last attempt four seasons ago ended when they were beaten by Surrey at Cheam. Armstrong was in their side then and he is still there to spearhead their attacks. He has an enormous reach which is useful at hockey, more so at basketball in which game he has played for England.

Hertfordshire, retaining most of their experienced hands including Brace and Morgan, are making a bold attempt to regain lost laurels. They were a little lucky to have beaten Hampshire on penalty strokes in their last match but if their forwards find their rhythm their superior temperament could carry them through.

Northern Club and Neston are killing two birds with one stone today. They are meeting at Northern club in the northern final of the national club championship as well as in their own league—a sort of winner-take-all arrangement.

Quick follow-up for victory

By Joyce Whitehead

North 1 Midlands 2

In the penultimate and best match so far in the women's territorial series, Midlands beat North 2—1 on a good pitch yesterday at Hartford College, Northwich.

In the first 10 minutes Midlands scored from a pleasing passing movement between K. Gordon (Gloucestershire) and J. Swinnerton (Staffordshire). They wove their way from the half-way line and then Miss Gordon shot the ball into the net. Miss Gordon, in her first year in territorial hockey, is a promising player. Some of her passes are splendidly placed and her stickwork is outstanding for one so young.

The North took up the attack after the setback and had two near-misses before L. Ashton (Cheshire) equalized with a good shot from the edge of the circle. At half-time it was 1—1.

The game continued evenly with good open play. There were numerous corners at both ends and from one Miss Swinnerton's shot hit the post; from an amazingly quick follow-up, B. Fiddes (Warwickshire), who had replaced P. Readman, scored Midlands second and winning goal.

So now South have six points, East, Midlands and West four each, and North have yet to score. If West can beat North in the final match today at East Gloucester Ground, Cheltenham, at 2.0, they will tie for top place with the South.

NORTH: J. Kenyon (Lancashire); J. Robinson (Sheffield League), A. Lunt (Lancashire), M. Ecclesall (Lancashire), C. Gall (Lancashire), L. Carr (Lancashire), M. Bouvave (Lancashire), P. Hughes (Lancashire), V. Nolan (captain, Lancashire), L. Ashton (Cheshire), G. Leeson (Yorkshire).

MIDLANDS: S. Lloyd (Warwickshire); S. Nicholl (captain, Bedfordshire), R. Beacham (Northamptonshire), L. Hurley (Leicestershire), R. Hawes (Warwickshire), J. Freeman (Leicestershire), M. Flanagan (Warwickshire), K. Gordon (Leicestershire), J. Swinnerton (Staffordshire), B. Fiddes (Warwickshire), M. Grimley (Leicestershire).

Umpires: W. Heath and P. Parker.

Squash rackets

WOKING: Professional challenge series (World Cup): Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan) beat Q. Zaman (Pakistan), 9—5, 9—7, 7—0. Diamond Racket: Miss S. Newman (Australia) beat Miss L. Hubinger (Australia), 10—8, 9—1, 9—6.

TV highlights

BBC 1
Football: Preview (12.20).
Skiing: World championships (1.10).
Rugby Union: Preview (1.40); England v Wales (2.20); Scotland v France (4.0).
Football: Match of the Day (10.15).

BBC 1—tomorrow
Skating: European championships (2.45).

BBC 2—tomorrow
Rugby Union: England v Wales, Scotland v France (5.25).

IBA
Football: Preview (12.35).
Motor Racing. Brazilian Grand Prix (1.0).
Racing: Sandown races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Stratford races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45.
Surfing: Hawaii tournament (about 3.10).
Tobogganing: International championship, St Moritz (about 3.10).
Wrestling: Preston promotion (4.0).

IBA—tomorrow
Football: Big Match (2.15).

McEvoy rejected

Peter McEvoy, Britain's amateur golf champion, has had his application to play in the Greater Greensboro Open tournament turned down. McEvoy, of Copt Heath, has accepted an invitation to compete in the United States Masters in April, and was hoping to prepare for that event by playing in the Greensboro.

Parker to Bradford

Bramley Rugby League club yesterday sold David Parker, their powerful left centre, to Bradford Northern for £8,000.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Gloucester 17, Bristol 6; Northampton 8, Saracens 7; Rosslyn Park 31, Bath 10.

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Salford 21, Leeds 3.

Rackets

Nicholls outguns outclassed army opponents

By Our Rackets Correspondent

Mark Nicholls won the army rackets singles championship at Queen's Club yesterday, having joined the service while still at Cambridge University and with his military training to come. He outclassed Richard Beazley, as he had done his previous opponents, and won by 15—1, 15—0, 15—6. His reign could be a lengthy one. Only Christopher Braithwaite, studying at Manchester University and unavailable for these championships, looks to be in the same league.

In his four matches Nicholls lost no games and an average of just over two points a game. His play was severe and there was no one capable of pressing him into those moments of carelessness which sometimes speckle his game.

The left-handed Beazley must have felt as a county class tennis player would if facing Roscoe Tanner's service. If he managed to return it, the next shot would probably be a winner. Nicholls killed returns first time and the points he lost were through his own errors.

Nicholls then partnered Timothy Toyne-Sewell to victory in the combined services (past and present) doubles championship, beating David Reed-Felstead and Mark Evans, by 15—10, 15—6, 15—10, 6—15, 15—10. This was more of a match than the inter-regimental doubles final where the gigantic silver trophy (it needs two men to carry safely) went to the Royal Armoured Corps.

ARMY SINGLES: Final: 2nd Lieut M. Nicholls (4/7 DG) beat Captain R. E. Beazley (RE), 15—1, 15—0, 15—6.

INTER-REGIMENTAL DOUBLES: Final: RAC (Capt C. M. Craggs and Lt M. B. H. Evans) beat Light Division (Major A. S. G. Drew and Major A. J. B. Earamont-Lee), 15—6, 15—7, 12—15, 15—6, 15—9.

COMBINED SERVICES DOUBLES (past and present): Final: Major T. P. Toyne-Sewell and Nicholls beat Major D. M. Reed-Felstead and Evans, 15—10, 15—6, 15—10, 6—15, 15—10.

For the record

Tennis

CHICAGO: Women's tournament: Second round: E. Cawley (Australia) beat R. Casals, 3—6, 6—4, 6—2; S. V. Wade (GB) beat M. Tyler (GB) 6—4, 6—3; M. Navratilova beat K. Latham, 6—1, 6—1. Quarter-final round: B. Stove (Netherlands) beat S. Barker (GB), 7—6, 2—6, 7—5; K. Reid (Australia) beat P. Teeguarden, 7—6, 5—7, 6—3.

Table tennis

CARDIFF: Welsh Open championships: Men, first round: China I beat Ireland, 3—0; England I beat NZ, 3—0; Norway beat Guernsey, 3—0; China II beat Malta, 3—0; Luxembourg beat Wales II, 3—2; England II beat Turkey, 3—0; Netherlands beat Wales I, 3—2; Scotland beat Australia, 3—1. Second round: England I beat Norway 3—0; China I beat Netherlands, 3—0; China I beat Luxembourg, 3—0; Scotland beat England II, 3—2. Final: China I beat China II, 3—0.

Women, first round: China II beat Wales II, 3—0; Korea I beat Jersey, 3—0; China I beat Turkey, 3—0; England II beat Canada, 3—0; Belgium beat Wales I, 3—0; Korea II beat Malta, 3—0; Luxembourg beat Ireland, 3—1; England I beat Norway, 3—0. Second round: China I beat Korea II, 3—0; England I beat Belgium, 3—0; China II beat England II, 3—0; Korea beat Luxembourg, 3—0. Semi-final round: China I beat England, 3—0; Korea I beat China II, 3—1. Final: Korea I beat China I, 3—1.

Fencing

BEAUMONT CENTRE: Great Britain 10 wins (B. Paul, 3; R. Bruniges, 3; A. Eames, 3; R. Harper, 1). Japan 6 (N. Sato, 2; S. Toshima, 3; K. Chida, 1; K. Meozawa, 1).

Golf

HONOLULU: Leading scores: 65, G. Littler; 66, J. Schroeder; 67, M. Hayes, D. Stockton, B. Pearce, B. Wynn; 68, R. Cole (South Africa), T. Watson, M. Morley, L. Hinkle; 69, T. Murakami (Japan), B. Lietzke, H. Irwin, H. Green, E. Snead. Foreign scores: 70, I. Aoki (Japan); 71, D. Hayes (South Africa), G. Marsh (Australia); 73, R. Shearer (Australia); 77, M. Ozaki (Japan).

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 5, Atlanta Flames 2; Philadelphia Flyers 3, Colorado Rockies 0; Buffalo Sabres 3, Boston Bruins 1; Montreal Canadiens 4, Vancouver Canucks 4.

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Quebec Nordiques 4, Birmingham Bulls 2.

Speedway

ADELAIDE: Fifth international: Australia beat England, 56—52. England lead 3—2.

Weekend fixtures

3.0 unless stated.

First division
... v Aston Villa
...am v Middlesbrough
... v Norwich
... v Liverpool
... Chelsea
... v Leicester
... v Leeds
...er U v Manchester C
...rest v Wolverhampton
...ers v West Ham
...nwich v Newcastle

Second division
Blackpool v Blackburn
Burnley v Southampton
Cardiff v Notts County
Fulham v Tottenham
Hull v Brighton
Luton v Bristol R
Millwall v Mansfield
Oldham v Bolton
Orient v Charlton
Sheffield U v Stoke
Sunderland v Crystal Palace

Third division
Bury v Walsall (3.15)
Chester v Bradford
Chesterfield v Swindon (3.15)
Oxford U v Gillingham
Peterborough v Lincoln
Plymouth v Colchester
Portsmouth v Wrexham
Port Vale v Exeter
Preston v Carlisle
Rotherham v Hereford
Shrewsbury v Sheffield W

Fourth division
Barnsley v Aldershot
Bournemouth v Brentford
Crewe v Halifax
Darlington v Newport
Doncaster v Stockport
Grimsby v York
Huddersfield v Watford
Northampton v Southport
Reading v Torquay
Rochdale v Swansea
Wimbledon v Hartlepool

Scottish premier division
...ndee U
... Hibernian
...ll v Aberdeen
... v Clydebank
...1 v Partick Th

Scottish second division
Berwick v Albion
Meadowbank v Clyde
Raith R v Falkirk
Stenhousemuir v Cowdenbeath
Stranraer v Brechin
Postponed: Dunfermline v Forfar

Scottish first division
... Montrose
... v East Fife
...a v St Johnstone
... Kilmarnock
... Hamilton
...: Airdrie v Morton; ... South v Stirling Albion

Scottish Cup, third round
Vale of Leithen v Queens Park

...RN LEAGUE: Premier division: ... v Yeovil; Hillingdon v Minehead v Barnet; Redditch ...n; Wealdstone v Telford; Bath. First division, North: Bedworth; Bromsgrove v Cambridge v Bridgend; Corby; Kidderminster v King's Lynn v Witney Town; ... v Stourbridge: Wellingborough; Banbury. First division, ...estone v Poole; Ashford v Crawley v Andover; ... and Sheppey v Aylesbury; ... v Tonbridge; Margate v Romford v Taunton; Dorchester; Trowbridge v ...

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Gainsborough v Great Harwood; Morecambe v Workington; Northwich Victoria v Macclesfield; South Liverpool v Gateshead; Worksop v Barrow.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Ashington v Evenwood; Billingham v Bishop Auckland; Willington v Horden; West Auckland v Shildon; South Bank v Tow Law Town.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Burnham v Grays Athletic; Chalfont St Peter v Chertsey Town; Edgware v Redhill; Harefield United v Uxbridge; Haringey Borough v Erith & Belvedere; Kingsbury Town v Hoddesdon Town; Leyton-Wingate v Marlow; Ruislip Manor v Windsor & Eton.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (2.30): Old Foresters v Old Wellingburians; Old Ardinians v Old Salopians.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Boreham Wood v Staines Town; Croydon v Bishop's Stortford; Hitchin Town v Southall & EB; Leytonstone v Carshalton Athletic; Sutton United v Kingstonian; Tilbury v Woking. First division: Finchley v Hornchurch; Hertford Town v Dulwich Hamlet; Horsham v Harwich & Parkeston; Oxford City v Bromley; St Albans City v Harlow Town; Walton & Horsham v Aveley; Ware v Hampton; Wembley v Corinthian-Casuals; Wokingham Town v Ilford. Second division: Camberley Town v Epping Town; Eastbourne United v Egham Town; Epsom & Ewell v Tring Town; Feltham v Met Police; Hemel Hempstead v Molesey; Letchworth Gdn City v Cheshunt; Rainham Town v Farnborough Town.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Second Round (2.15): Old Brentwoods v Lancing O.B.; Old Cholmeleians v Old Chigwellians; Old Malvernians v Old Carthusians; Old Reptonians v Old Bradfieldians.

FA TROPHY: Second round: Altrincham v Frickley; Atherstone v Stafford Rangers; Bedford Town v Hednesford Town; Goole v Wycombe Wanderers; Leatherhead v Dartford; Merthyr Tydfil v Gravesend (2.30); Nuneaton v Bangor City; Runcorn v Boston United; Weymouth v Matlock; Whitby Town v Spennymoor United (2.30); Wigan Athletic v Enfield; Winsford United v Maidstone or Slough.

Rugby League

SECOND DIVISION: Batley v Oldham.

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Senior flags: Second round: Old Stopfordians v South Manchester & Wythenshawe. First division: Ashton v Stockport; Boardman & Eccles v Urmston; Mellor v Old Hulmeians; Old Waconians v Sheffield University.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE (2.30): First division: Croydon v Cambridge University; Lee v Bexleyheath; London University v Purley; Oxford University v Kenton.

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP (at Bedford CHE): East v South (11.30); Midlands v West (12.30); North v Combined Universities (1.30); South v West (2.30).

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Cambridge University; Hawks v Dulwich; Hounslow v Bromley; London University v Slough; Mid-Surrey v Southgate; Purley v Cheam; Reading v Hampstead; Spencer v Maidenhead; Surbiton v Blackheath; Teddington v St Albans; Tulse Hill v Richmond; Wimbledon v Oxford University.

OTHER MATCH: Guildford v Army.

EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bedfordshire Eagles v Old Southendians; Bishop's Stortford v Westcliff; Cambridge Univ. Wanderers v Bury St Edmunds; Chelmsford v Broxbourne; Colchester v Cambridge City; Ilford v Ipswich; Norfolk Wanderers v Bluehearts.

SOUTH LEAGUE: Regional matches: LONDON LEAGUE: Southgate v Hampstead.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Northern final: Northern v Neston (at Northern Club, Liverpool).

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL MATCH: West v North (at Cheltenham).

Rugby Union

International matches
England v Wales (at Twickenham, 2.30)
Scotland v France (at Edinburgh, 2.30)

Club matches
Bradford v Nuneaton
Broughton Park v Orrell
Cambridge University v Army
Cheltenham v Rugby
Falmouth v Exeter
Fylde v Harrogate
Gosforth v New Brighton (2.30)
Harlequins v Wasps (11.15 at Stoop Mem. Gd.)
Langholm v Morpeth (11.45)
London Welsh v Cardiff (2.30)
Loughborough C. v Manchester
Met. Police v Nottingham (2.30)
Middlesbrough v Hull & E.R. (2.30)
Morley v Halifax (2.30)
Moseley v Birkenhead Park
Richmond v Headingley (11.0)
Roundhay v Hartlepool Rovers
St. Luke's C. v Plymouth Alb. (2.30)
Sale v Liverpool
West Hartlepool v Gala (2.30)
Wilmslow v Northern
Edin. Ac. v Stewarts Mel. F.P. (10.30)
Edinburgh Wdrs v Melrose (11.0)
Glasgow Acads. v W. of Scotland
Heriot's F.P. v Jedforest
Royal High v Hawick
Watsonians v Glasgow High

Tomorrow

Football
SCOTTISH CUP: Third round: Albion Rovers v Morton (3.0); Partick Thistle v Cowdenbeath (3.0).

Rugby Union
CLUB MATCHES: Barnstaple v Newbridge (2.30); Blackheath v London Irish (2.30); Coventry v Waterloo.

Rugby League
FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern v Hull; Bramley v Castleford (3.30); Dewsbury v New Hunslet (3.30); Featherstone Rovers v Widnes; Hull Kingston Rovers v Wigan (2.45); St Helens v Warrington; Workington Town v Wakefield Trinity.
SECOND DIVISION: Barrow v Keighley (2.30); Doncaster v York; Huddersfield v Blackpool Borough; Huyton v Whitehaven (2.30); Leigh v Halifax; Rochdale Hornets v Swinton.

Hockey
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final round: Somerset v Hertfordshire (at Morlands, 2.0); Lancashire v Worcestershire (at Northern Club, Liverpool, 2.0).
NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: South final: Slough v Guildford (2.0). East final: Bedfordshire Eagles v Ipswich (at Wardown Park, Luton, 2.45 pm).

Saturday Review



Jack Nicholson crosses the border

by Glenys Roberts

To make a Western, which is the dream of every American film director and every American actor, you must abide by two rules: the rule of the land, which was so powerful on the American continent right into this century, and the rule of the personal morality of every man. A Western story is in the continuing vein of our medieval tales, only substituting the desert of the New World for the wild wood of the old, the white buffalo for the unicorn and the outlaw for the black knight. A man up against his destiny must find something within himself to withstand weakening compromises.

To a man in his middle years who is used to success, but trying to define his achievement, and whose mind is more painstaking than his education, the idea of the lonely cowboy quest is the last test, to be survived only by someone who cares for nothing but survival, yet toys with that. It is not surprising that the actor Jack Nicholson, a loner, an Oscar-winner, with his share of melancholy as well as fortune, should have chosen a Western in which to direct himself this year.

It is still a tough trek to Durango, Mexico—three planes from Los Angeles, two time zones and four climates in less than 800 miles. Some spectacular country joins the two towns: road-runner flats lined with cartoon cactus, jagged islands like dinosaurs wallowing under a narcotic sun, subtropical swamps where the air clings to the body like a damp towel, and dense rain forests opening onto a giddy plateau. Five thousand feet up on top of the Sierra Madre, life is as predictable as Christmas. The rains start at exactly 4 pm.

Dogs are barking before first light and a cracked Catholic bell bangs on through the night. Durango is a highway lined with busted trucks, half a dozen cinemas, some fly-stained taco joints, a discotheque and one brothel. The tequila is the real thing—thick, bitter, hallucinogenic cactus juice. The smartest hotel was the town prison till only last year. Pancho Villa was born nearby. Americans say if God wanted to give the world an enema he would stick the tube in here. Mexicans call the place La Tierra del Cine—cinema country.

It was the actor John Wayne who first liked the place. It was 1950 and he was making his twenty-fourth film, *Rio Grande* with Maureen O'Hara. Apart from the war effort, most of them had been Westerns. The director was John Ford, the poet of the medium, so they came to Durango. It was the old West—huge plains carved by deep canyons topped by a natural key light. Meteorologists come from all over the world to study the thunderheads. They say that no two days has ever seen a similar configuration of cumuli. The horizon is as wide as the view from a ship's bridge. It is a country made to be filmed in Panavision.

Wayne, sidestepping regulations which allow only Mexicans to buy their land, tamed the big country by putting his name on some of the rolling acres at La Jolla, outside Durango, with the aid of Carlos Reyes, a fringe film figure who claims to be able to fix anything at all South of the Border. Wayne brought dollars in from California and he brought friends. More than seventy films were shot in the area and the Durangans welcomed him with everything at their disposal.

But Durango faded as a popular location and the elements reigned once more on the Sierra. Now there are only a few animal farmers on the Wayne acres, some husks of corn, the carcasses of two burros felled by yesterday's lightning, and the remnants of some film-sets.

The old actor-*remis* them out for $400 a day. The set he built in 1969 for *Chisum*, a friendly and confused Ford-type movie is the set for a film called *Goin' South*, which is the name of Jack Nicholson's new Western.

In Hollywood they call the medium foolhardy—anyone with any sense and money is into space odysseys and special effects. But Nicholson does not think so. "The cowboy hero symbolizes the single, unchallenging fact of the universe", he says, "the loneliness of every single man. Everything else in life is designed to cover up that fact. This is a little human story I knew I could make, and I knew I could act in."

Nicholson found the property six years ago. It was an irreverent little romantic comedy set in the badlands 100 years back. Land is 25 cents an acre, but Henry Lloyd Moon can not rustle up a dime. He is a thieving veteran of the Civil War, and he is on the scaffold with a noose round his neck, as close to bliss as the hangman's black hood, when reprieve strikes in the shape of a determined woman. Those were the days when manpower was so short a good woman could save you from the grave, and Julia Tate has a mine to excavate.

Nicholson planned the part for Jane Fonda, but that did not work out. Someone else thought of Candice Bergen and Elliot Gould. But Nicholson, the clever, retiring observer of his own fate was becoming the vulgar, shy and shambling comic Moon. "For my character I used everyone from Gabby Hayes to Spencer Tracy", he says. "Tracy is my favourite comic." And Nicholson wanted to direct himself. He had a scene in mind with the heroine that smacked of *Adam's Rib*. "What is stardom for if you don't take chances?"

Goin' South is not the first film Nicholson has directed. Eight years ago he brought out an anti-establishment story about a basket-ball player, distinguished for its bad language, called *Drive, He Said*, starring Karen Black. But he has never directed himself before, and directing yourself is as much in vogue in Hollywood just now as galactic fantasies.

Somehow it is expected of Nicholson. Clint Eastwood has just opened his latest movie about the loner cop starring Clint Eastwood. And Warren Beatty has just finished a remake of *Heaven Can Wait* starring Warren Beatty, snatching it back from the director Peter Bogdanovich, who was haggling for a $600,000 fee from a poor position after the box-office failure of his *Nickelodeon*. "Too much, I'll make it myself", said Beatty. Beatty and Nicholson are old sparring partners.

They sparred this time over the same leading lady, a cool brunette Arkansan called Mary Steenburgen. "Sure you can test her for your part", said Nicholson to Beatty generously, "but if I decide to use her you can't." Actually he had already decided. Steenburgen secretly hoped for the Nicholson part—a funny, period piece with a role for a strong Southern woman, it was tailor-made for her. She had just spent five years losing her Ozarks accent so she relaxed into it again. "More Southern", said Nicholson, "much more!"

For Steenburgen it was too much of a coincidence. She liked history. Her first real reading had been the Brontë sisters whose books had wafted her away from a penniless childhood. She liked the long clothes because she was self-conscious about her legs. She was a country kid and she could ride, of course, but she also knew comedy. She wrote her own sketches with some of her contemporaries from Sanford Meisner's class at New York's Neighbourhood Playhouse, a school in the manner of the Actors' Studio, which spawned Joanne Woodward and Gregory Peck.

Desperate for audiences, Steenburgen's group performed to alcoholics from halfway houses all over New York City. She was 24, and by the summer of last year Mary Steenburgen had not yet earned a single penny from acting. When she heard that *Goin' South* would be shot in Mexico she was confident she was going to.

On some whim she had just started taking Spanish lessons from Juan the crêpe cook at the Magic Pan where she waited on tables. She spoke with a terrible Puerto Rican accent and all her friends made fun of her. "What do you want to learn Spanish for?" they asked. "Where do you think you are going this year? South New Jersey?"

Jack Nicholson first saw her in the Paramount office in the Gulf and Western skyscraper overlooking Central Park. She had dropped by for his script, and for Warren Beatty's, of course. She had been for a walk in the park and her hair was a mess. Three other ladies in $800 outfits sat opposite her. "Hothouse flowers", she thought and looked at her feet. The door opened.

She knew it was Nicholson by the way the pricey outfits stiffened. "Damn him", she thought, "he can't see me looking like this." She had laid her plans carefully as she always did, and her plans were to bump into him at lunchtime the next day, after a long morning at the hairdresser. She looked up all the same.

That night Mary Steenburgen with the Shirley Temple curls, freight train conductor's daughter from Little Rock, allowed herself one fantasy. Nicholson would ignore the hairdo and ask her to read. She would read with him for three-quarters of an hour at least, and he would whisk her off to Hollywood to screentest her alongside Jane Hitchcock from *Nickelodeon* and Meryl Streep from *Julia* and Jessica Lang from *King Kong*. She would out-act them all because it was the right end to her particular script.

"You don't belong in this town", her teacher had said back in Arkansas, "get out." She once knew a girl who had gone to New York, so she went there too and stayed in the East End Hostel for Women, which was the cheapest place she could find. Her parents were apprehensive but they did not interfere. Their life had been dogged by her father's ill-health, and her energy was a chance for them all.

She worked hard at school and got some good reviews in the *SoHo Weekly News*. A lot of students dropped out when they realized they had to earn money as well as act, but Mary Steenburgen was stronger willed than that. She knew how to watch and to wait and to let other people seem to make the first move. She would flood any situation with her enormous confident calm and flash her yellow eyes. She knew how to alternate modesty with determination and above all she knew what she wanted.

Nicholson also knew what he wanted. If the two had anything in common at this stage it was an effortless feeling for a decision. He read with Steenburgen for two hours and they were still reading when they brought him his lunchtime pizza. The girl got up demurely to leave. "Sit down, eat your pizza and keep reading," he said. He gave her a ticket to Hollywood.

The day she got the part, Steenburgen was completely broke and she dropped by the West Coast office of the studio to ask for car fare from LaGuardia airport back to waiting on tables at the Magic Pan. "Give up riding buses," said producer Harry Gittes, "you're on the payroll." And with a feel for his role he snapped open a bottle of champagne. Steenburgen leaked the news back to Harriet's Hotline, the Little Rock gossip column, and nowadays people jam the telephone lines to book in at the beauty shop the same day as Aunt Lillian who is married to Uncle Grover, or best of all to sit next to Mother Nell.

The truth was Nicholson was in a rut and he felt like taking a chance. His personal life was unrewarding. His companion Angelica Houston had gone her way and all the girls he knew had done all the rounds. Professionally it was the same story. "I could make all the pictures I want, I could fill in all the creative time left to me just by making political moves," he says. Hollywood had come to that. But finding Steenburgen was the sort of thing movie makers used to do in the good old days of West Coast dreams.

A man could walk in, see a girl at a soda-fountain and put her on the screen. Nicholson had his own production company, he was a director, a writer and a star himself, now he wanted to be a starmaker. "Why can't this man do anything regular?" the studio asked. "Why does he have to put us through this?" It was not as if *Goin' South* was a low-budget movie, not at $6m.

But Nicholson knew Steenburgen had the makings of a good actress, a charming but callous and total belief in the lie. His right hand man, producer Gittes, after whom he had named his character in *Chinatown*, was comparing her to Jean Arthur or Barbara Stanwyck or Anne Bancroft. Nicholson is subtle enough to avoid comparisons. "In a way I wanted someone who could teach *me* something about the job", he says. "Good acting is about creating an impact. You really can't create an impact without doing something surprising." Being in a mood to be surprised he kittered the film with marvellous supporting characters from John Belushi, the overweight comedian from American television's *Saturday Night Show* to Christopher Lloyd and Danny DeVito from his 1976 Oscar-winning film *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Casting was a self-acknowledged talent of Nicholson's. He had always hung around with actors and liked their irreverence, and even the small parts were chosen with a clever eye for a compelling bit of business or a strange bucolic face, like the old man, Shorty, who, some say, brought up the child Nicholson back home in New Jersey.

And the crew was chosen to be as entertaining as the actors. The wrangler, the man who casts the animal parts, is a canny Texan who knows everything about a horse the moment it pulls over the horizon. One of his finds is a scrawny, temperamental beast who has to pull the wedding brake carrying Nicholson and Steenburgen. "He may not look like much", says the wrangler, "but that horse is the best actor for the part in the whole picture. That horse is psychic", he warns Steenburgen, still wearing his stetson in her trailer.

"You as much as make a move towards the whip and he'll have you over in the dirt. That horse is a natural actor and he just knows instinctively when they are going to shout 'action'. Then he just starts doing his thing. That's an animal you can learn from."

Nicholson also peopled his crew with serious talent like Cuban cinematographer Nestor Almendros, who worked with Francois Truffaut, and backed them up with his own virtual repertory company which includes cutter Richard Chew, who was schooled by Francis Ford Coppola and cut *Chinatown*, and Gittes and co-producer Harold Schneider, who both worked on *Drive, He Said*. It means the actor is not taking any chances he has not bargained for, and that no one undermines his ego with advice even if it is solicited.

"Which take do you like best?" asks Schneider at the evening rushes.

"I like numbers one and 29", says the producer, "See you later, I gotta talk to Los Angeles."

Schneider, a chunky bearded man who is always bouncing back and forth to Hollywood, prides himself on having broken the mysterious bonds of Mexican bureaucracy. Since a member of the presidential family is always in charge of Mexico's nationalized film industry the job is held in some irrational local awe. Schneider decided to ignore it. His crew has been working for five weeks already without work permits and the man from the government is coming to see him rather than the other way round. True, the crew are doubled up, one Mexican for one American, because of union rules, though not for the most expensive and influential jobs, and boyish Gittes is making full use of his high-school Mexicans, but even the confrontation of two cultures has its advantages. One Mexican household sends a daily ration of quesadillas and guacamole out to all the cowboys of either nationality.

The greatest triumph of the independent Schneider is that his daily film goes to Hollywood to be developed by the shortest possible route and that all this has been achieved without the help of the ubiquitous Carlos Reyes, and without his percentage.

Schneider avoids confrontation with Nicholson with a joke, but none the less it is rooted in truth. The fact is the actor-director is covering every scene from every conceivable angle and a lot of work will be done later in the cutting-room. Steenburgen is allowed 16 takes for one three-word interjection. Nicholson watches them all on a video machine on set, and calls again and again for a retake. Although this is the mark of a perfectionist, there are times when the goal does not quite seem to have gelled in his mind, and with so many opportunities to think again he seems in danger of losing his point of view. "It's all good, we won't lose a thing", he promises in his reassuring, amused drawl, taking care of everybody's morale. Everyone agrees.

One of the critical things about Nicholson's position is that he must hold tight to his point of view because the pecking order on the film is so clearly established in everyone's minds that no one dares tell him their own opinions. What they do instead is try and satisfy his exaggerated need for astonishment with their exaggerated performances. Nicholson indulges the actors and he indulges himself. "It is difficult directing yourself in comedy", he says, "because you have no idea whether you are going over the top. That last scene I played entirely with my head in a black bag. It was difficult enough keeping on the mark. How was it by the way?"

"Terrific", says everyone, "you were terrific." With so much enthusiasm many of the scenes do apparently "go over the top", though because of the generous leeway of footage any element of parody may easily eventually land in the waste basket. Meanwhile, for the actors it is a marvellous opportunity.

Their director understands them thoroughly and is apt to leave them quite alone, though when he does work with them he injects a vitality into their performances which springs from a restlessness that they are only too ready to call genius. His own role has called for him to bolt through closed doors, leap on to galloping horses and crash through streams. He has managed to fall off his horse, break his wrist and get straight back on again. "I wouldn't do that if I was a real person", he says. Yet for all his expectations he is an informal boss.

"I don't think any director gets a shot in the can till midday", he says. "Not me. I'm working with old character actors here. I've known most of these people a long time and they've got to go out and have good time nights in a place like this. You can't ask these fellows to go home to a hotel room by themselves."

So the actors take their time and clown and joke and beg the camera for more attention than they might get from an actor-director like Clint Eastwood, who wraps everything up in two well-planned takes with both eyes on the budget. Nicholson telephoned Eastwood when he finally knew he was going to direct himself. "Get twice as much sleep as everyone else on the movie", was the laconic Eastwood's advice. Nicholson proceeded to ignore it. Most nights he sits up until the latest small hours in his ranch house down a mud-track dominated by the ramp of red lights from Durango's single-strip airport. He lives all alone and only his teenage daughter Jennifer has visited him.

The living room is covered in furs, though this house is in mid-desert, there is a ghostly half-finished terrace with a gloomy pool, and the bathroom stucco is peeling badly as the Mexicans like it. Still it has a touch of luxury compared to everyone else's austere hotel room and to the concrete suburbs where the producers live—and it was once used by Steve McQueen.

Every night at Nicholson's place the table is set for something of a party and the cast list rotates apparently at random. He is likely to send out a roving, rusting Mexican limousine towards midnight, just as the actors are draining their last tequila and looking forward to their ticking sheets and the company of a few trapped mosquitoes. No one resists a summons from the boss. Ruth Etting is usually on the record player and lasagna on the menu, cooked by a young relative of the girl Nicholson calls "staff". Annie Marshall, granddaughter of the actor Herbert Marshall. Nicholson usually appears when the lasagna has been baked irrevocably into the dish.

He chain-rolls cigarettes and drinks beer, a small man with a powerful torso which makes him look top-heavy in the role of Henry Moon. The part calls for long, unkempt hair and a beard which has never seen a trim. Off-duty he wears exercise shoes, short sleeve shirts and keeps spreading his rather long arms as though he were being crucified. Jack Nicholson is an ingratiating man of many personalities, all of which are kept on a tight rein. Attractive, ambitious, bewildered, efficient, he is anxious to seem none of these, but to please. Yet he knows how to make his visitors desperate for his peace of mind, while disturbing theirs. No one speaks much to him, though he speaks constantly of disquieting things, of death and of cancer, of macabre philosphies, of sex without much enthusiasm and of drugs with much more. He may read all night or listen to music, and he does his sleeping in his trailer at lunchtime while everyone else is eating paella and refried beans. When the time comes to wake him only Mary Steenburgen dares, because even his budget-cooscious producers beware the bankable man.

At 40, Nicholson is lonely and dedicated to his loneliness, not at all sure why the class buffon from a broken home back East, should be the superstar of the super-casual West Coast morality. There is a wild light in his eyes which clashes with his careless way of speaking. Nothing, it seems, must be determinable, and with no rules but the ones he creates the dark hours bring a lot of despair. . . "There's absolutely nothing I care about any more," he says, "does it show on screen?" There are times when it does.

"I'm tired," he says, "I've never been tired before. If this film doesn't work I can never direct again *Drive, He Said* was not a commercial success. You can never blame the audience. A good film always finds its audience. This movie is tiring me. I don't think I'll ever make another." At bad times he imagines the worst way to die for him, in a tunnel, all alone, crushed by a pile of rocks.

But dawn and the Mexican sun bring a reassuring routine even after sleeplessness. "Staff" arrives and snaps her charge back into action. The crew are waiting over at the hotel, curing their tequila hangovers with underfried eggs. Everyone piles into their minimokes for a new day and heads for the thunderclouds on the range.

"What? Never make another movie?" says Jack Nicholson skittishly, "that was last night."

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n the Habimah Theatre ight Vahktangov's 1919 pro- ion of *The Dybbuk* to the World Theatre Season, we given to understand that felt rather embarrassed to epresenting modern Israel so rabbinically supersti- a piece of work, preserved heir repertory more as a nal art treasure than for lingering content it might

ice then, superstition has rgone a widespread popu- revival, lending renewed bility to tales of possession exorcism.

omon Anski's play, never- ss, is not one that an ge audience can take in stride. It is not merely h: it belongs to the lic sect, rebels against rab- al law that believed in oken communion with God utraged the orthodox com- ty by bringing the dancing lrinking into the synagogue ids to ecstatic worship. the main point on which lay turns, they saw virtu- o barrier betwen the living he dead.

ski tells the tale of a girl, who undergoes a forced othal, whereupon her pre- ned lover (a heretical nt of the Kabbalah) dies takes possession of her a rabbinical court drives e invader (the "dybbuk") fter the exorcism it is still hantom that she embraces the bejewelled wedding y.

With a dazzling central spot playing on the mystic betrothal, this is a moment of incandescent beauty in Braham Murray's production, which allows you to eavesdrop on quantities of sombrely atmospheric Hassidic ritual: rings of candles, exotic fanfares, gilded arrays of holy scrolls, voices passing over from speech into languorously melancholy chorus. But eavesdrop is the word. The society Mr Murray presents may be scrupulously authentic but it offers scant foothold to the outsider.

From what I recall of the Vahtangov version, it dramatized Leah's predicament through fantastic expressionist distortion of the wedding part and the court. That was only one way of doing the play. The trouble with Mr Murray's way is that it maroons you for prolonged spells in the company of an indiscriminately bearded, fur-capped quorum in shiny black overcoats, debating points of numerology and the splendour of King David's throne, without doing anything to engage your interest in their discussion.

Drama grips only when the plot stiffens in the second half, with the arrival of the dybbuk and the strange trial scene conducted between dead living witnesses. It is quite unearthly to hear Michael Poole, as the bride's father, emitting strangulated conscience-stricken gurgles in response to the testimony of a dead man he has betrayed.

The relaxed treatment of the first half at least prepares you for the handling of this fantastic episode as something entirely normal for the characters, obediently gathering at the summons of John Bennett's seraphically patriarchal rabbi; and listening unsurprised to the warring voices issuing from the tormented lips of Elizabeth Romilly's Leah. The final effect is impressive, but you have to wait for it.

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nnot really be that even we think Oscar Wilde the glamorous society he ied and wrote about. The ite-suppressed hisses that ed such ideas as "women's n is pardon; not punish-" and "a man's life is of value than a woman's" e opening night of the wich Theatre's *An Ideal nd* suggest that the man more recognized for his ries now than in his own For all that Wilde may had an antipathy to n, he seems to suffer most ccurate reporting.

no surprise that Bernard was one of the few critics mire Wilde's play when t appeared, for he was the few willing to agree he acid portrayals of which were offered. other critics went so far reject the wit as sneers was more common then, in that it was unfair to a and healthy culture. It not do to suggest that 's ruling classes were with hypocrisy, even in dy.

e showed the idle rich g in blackmail and One of his heroes, Sir Chiltern, presents a mili- noral front to the world, h his reputation hides gal sale of state secrets ey.

Wilde's own hypocrisy was in making his play so well. Its reassuring form and melodramatic content are misleading, as are the locations—Sir Robert's house in Grosvenor Square, or the library of Lord Goring's house in Curzon Sreet.

Robert Kidd's production also takes the melodrama seriously, rising to the moments of proper farce in the third act and standing still long enough for some of the epigrams to make their still valid marks, but worrying itself about the future of Sir Robert. Frank Barrie as Viscount Goring, although a stout supporter of traditional hypocrisy, refuses to include himself in the games of Parliament, though romantically and comically clearing the way for Sir Robert's survival.

It is a pity, then, that Robert Swann approaches Sir Robert's character with such a stiff upper lip. He accompanies the upper lip with a stiff lower lip and spits his conversation out in the space left in between, occasionally exploding impatient syllables in his cheeks at moments when the words are anxious to be uttered. Comedy hardly touches him, save when Anna Carteret as his blackmailer approaches him at the beginning.

There are splendid moments in the production, and welcome draughts of satirical wisdom from Mr Barrie and Barbara Atkinson, as Lady Markby. But, in general, it too easily suggests that Britain's future must be either in the hands of a crook or go "to the dogs, or the radicals".

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Maxwell Davies's sym- as been some five years g. It began as an inde- slow movement based plainsong *Ave maris* mmissioned by the then lharmonia, and has now ed as a four-movement ting just under an hour. completed it in time score to be published hursday's first perform- ich had evidently been usly prepared by the ionia players under Rattle so as to sound exhilarating and bril- t not overtaxing either n or their audience. re rewarded by a well all (rare when our rchestras venture upon even unfamiliar music) plentiful, prolonged for the composer as is interpreters.

sure that Maxwell symphony was, in truth, k for its performers to e listener's ear was azed, in this first per- , by the breathless which an elaborate argument was being t, by the copious leaps demanded of all de- especially oboes and and the complexity of d metres and cross- hich the composer has from study of med- hythmic motets. We ee how coolly and ex- Rattle dealt with the ns though all may not rved how neatly they uted by the orchestra. mphony's design is a fiercely argumenta-

tive Allegro, the first branch to sprout from the initial treatment of the plainchant; a meditation which converts its contents into action; then a ruminative, melodious slow movement, the Orkney landscape patterned into abstract (or nearly abstract) music; finally a tour de force of thematic juggling, orchestral brilliance, toughness and delicacy side by side, leading to a conclusion more finite in effect than the composer seems to have intended.

Davies admits that he approached symphonic composition during years of concentration on writing new music for his chamber group, the Fires of London, by analysing the symphonic work of earlier masters: he acknowledges the influence, in points of superficial detail, of Sibelius, Schumann and Boulez. He also declares a non-interest in "orchestration", using instruments only to project lines of musical thought. The debt to Sibelius, in this symphony, is textural and atmospheric (musical atmosphere is strong throughout) as much as formal.

One may note back-references to the Stravinsky of *The Rite of Spring*, another sort of music about untamed nature, in the last movement possibly some hints of Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements when Davies brings timpani, harp, and doublebass together, or pitched percussion. He must be too modest: his symphony, for all its argument, contains much euphonious and lovely music; for example the aqueous dissolving of the first movement, the sumptuously lyrical string writing in its successor which ends with a delightful surprise, the overlapping nuances of the Adagio, and the symphony's grand concluding chords. In 1978 the symphony still lives and has a healthy Orkney kick.

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Martti Talvela concert cancelled

Owing to unavoidable circumstances Martti Talvela's recital arranged for Sunday at 8.00 pm at Covent Garden has had to be cancelled. People who have bought tickets for this concert can receive a full refund by application to the box office, by post or in person.

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Today 4 Feb. 8 p.m.	THE GAIETY OF PARIS AND THE CHARM OF VIENNA. London Symphony Orchestra. Introduced and conducted by Bernard Keeffe. ALL SEATS SOLD. Anglo-Austrian Music Society
Sunday 5 Feb. 3.15 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Simon Rattle (conductor) Gyorgy Pauk (violin) Ravel Suite Mother Goose: Brahms Violin Concerto in D, Op. 77; Sibelius Symphony No. 5 in E flat, Op. 82. £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.30, £1.60, £1.00 NPO Ltd.
Sunday 5 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA London Philharmonic Choir (ladies) Sir Georg Solti (cond.) Vaughan Williams Symphony No. 4 in F minor; Holst The Planets, Op. 32 £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65 (only) LPO Ltd.
Monday 6 Feb. 8 p.m.	I SOLISTI VENETI Claudio Scimone (conductor) Jean-Pierre Rampal (flute). Celebration of the third centenary of the birth of Vivaldi. Six Flute Concertos, Op. 10; Symphony from La Dorilla in Tempe. £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.30, £1.50 £1.00. Basil Douglas Ltd.
Tuesday 7 Feb. 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Charles Dutoit (conductor) Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich (piano) Stravinsky Symphonies of Wind Instruments; Schumann Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 54; Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique £4.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.30, £1.65 (only) RPO Ltd.
Wednesday 8 Feb. 5.55 p.m.	GEORGE THALBEN-BALL Organ Recital Roger Dankosaim: J. S. Bach Partita on Chorale Du Friedefürst; Bach Chorale Prelude Komm, heiliger Geist, BWV 651; Howells Sonsaw Avonir de Montred in Paradisum; Trodinnick Brief Encounter; Weitz Stella Maris (Please note change of programme). 60p (unreserved). R.F.H.
Wednesday 8 Feb. 8 p.m.	LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Harry Blech (cond) Paul Tortelier (cello) Mozart Symphony No 36 (Linz); Haydn Cello Concerto in D; Dvorak Rondo in G minor for cello and orchestra; Haydn Symphony No. 104 (London). £3.00, £2.60, £2.20, £1.80, £1.40, £1.00. Haydn-Mozart Society
Saturday 11 Feb 3 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.	RSPB COLOUR FILMS SPECKLE AND HIDE: PLUMES TO PETREGRINES: Early One Morning . . . ; Round Robin. 3 p.m. ALL SEATS SOLD. 7.30 p.m. £1.60, £1.20, £1.00, 80p. Royal Society for Protection of Birds.
Sunday 12 Feb 7.30 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA, Riccardo Muti (conductor). Christoph Eschenbach (piano); Rossini Overture Semiramide; Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 in B flat, Op. 19; Schubert Symphony No. 9 in C (Great). (Please note change of soloist and prog.). £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.30, £1.50, £1.00 NPO Ltd.
Monday 13 Feb. 5.55 p.m.	CONCERT PLATFORM Fourth in a series of talks arranged in collaboration with Morley College. (4) Geoffrey Norris will speak on Prokofiev whose works are to be performed later in the evening by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. After, the speaker will hold an informal discussion. 50p. Royal Festival Hall
Monday 13 Feb. 8 p.m.	BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Paavo Berglund (conductor) Pavel Kogan (violin). Prokofiev Suite, Summer Night; Violin Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 63; Symphony No. 5 in B flat, Op. 100. £3.50, £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00. Western Orchestral Society Ltd.
Tuesday 14 Feb. 8 p.m.	ROYAL CHORAL SOCIETY London Symphony Orchestra Meredith Davies (cond.), Alfreda Hodgson (contralto), John Mitchinson (tenor), Gwynne Howell (bass). Elgar The Dream of Gerontius. There will be no interval during this performance. £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10 Royal Choral Society.
Wednesday 15 Feb. 5.55 p.m.	MICHEL CHAPIUS Organ Couperin Tierce en taille; Buxtehude Chorale preludes: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland; Ach Gott und Herr In dulci jubilo Lob Gott Ihr Christen all zugleich; Prelude and Fugue in G minor; Bach Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor. Works by Titelouze, De Grigny, Dandrieu. 60p (unreserved). R.F.H.
Wednesday 15 Feb. 8 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Pierre Boulez (cond), June Card (sop), Jennifer Smith (sop), Ian Caley (tenor), Hans Günter Nöcker (bar), Bartok Four Pieces, Op 12; Sinopoli Tombeau d'Amor II U.K. premiere; Schoenberg Von Heute auf Morgen (an opera in one act). £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10. BBC
Thursday 16 Feb. 8 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Riccardo Muti (cond). Carl Pini (violin), Gerald Drucker (double bass). Mozart Symphony No. 34, Bottesini Grand Duo for violin, double bass and orch. Mortari Double Bass Concerto; Schumann Symphony No. 4. (Please nt. chg.). £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.30, £1.50, £1.00. NPO Ltd.
Friday 17 Feb. 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Norman Del Mar (cond), Erich Gruenberg (violin), Rossini Overture, The Silken Ladder. Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, Mozart Serenade in G (Eine kleine Nachtmusik), Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter). £3.50, £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 Victor Hochhauser/Anglo-Austrian Music Soc.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Today 4 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	CITY OF LONDON CHOIR London Bach Orchestra. Donald Cashmore (cond.). Music of the Italian Baroque. Scarlatti Dixit Dominus; Carissimi Jepote; Vivaldi Gloria. £2.25, £1.75, £1.50, £1.25, £1.00 City of London Choir
Sunday 5 Feb. 3 p.m.	DINORAH VARSI Piano Recital Chopin Sonata in B flat minor, Op. 35 (Funeral March). Etudes (from Op. 25); Twenty-four Preludes, Op. 28. £1.80, £1.50, £1.10, 80p. Jane Gray
Sunday 5 Feb. 7.15 p.m.	TIMOTHY WALKER Guitar Recital. Galileo Suite; Carcassi Variations on a Russian Folk Tune; Bach/Yepes Chaconne; Burkhard Passacaglia; Swayne Canto No. 1; Walker 3 Pieces; works by Gombau, Sevie, Ruiz-Pipo. £2.00, £1.70, £1.40, £1.10, 80p. Park Lane Group
Monday 6 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	DICK WELLSTOOD (solo piano) DUTCH SWING COLLEGE BAND £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50 Jazz Centre Society Ltd.
Tuesday 7 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	MELOS ENSEMBLE OF LONDON Mozart Flute Quartet No. 3 in C, K.285b; Quintet in E flat for piano and wind, K.452. Dvorak Piano Quintet in A, Op. 81; Ravel Septet. £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p. New Era International Concerts Ltd.
Wednesday 8 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	THE FIRES OF LONDON Peter Maxwell Davies (cond). Dunstable/Davies Veni Sancte Spiritus Veni Creator Spiritus; Davies Hymnos for clarinet and piano; M Finnissy Mr Punch (1st perf. staged). Davies Hymn to St Magnus. £1.25. The Fires of London
Thursday 9 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	LASALLE QUARTET. The Quartets of the Second Viennese School: Berg Quartet, Op. 3; Webern Six Bagatelles, Op. 9; Schoenberg Quartet No. 1, Op. 7. £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00. De Koos Concert Management
Friday 10 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Vittorio Negri (cond) Jessye Norman (sop) Vivaldi Concertos: in G minor for strings, in B minor (for 4 violins); Mozart Arias: Vado, ma dove; Non più, tutto ascoltai; Respighi Aire; Mozart Divertimento K.251. £2.50, £2.00, £1.70, £1.40, £1.00 ECO/MS
Saturday 11 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	THE MUSIC OF FRANZ LEHAR. London Concert Orchestra. Marcus Dods (cond.). Patricia Reakes, Edmund Bohan. Gold and Silver Waltz, Eva Waltz, Plave March, Excerpts from The Merry Widow, Land of Smiles, Paganini, Giuditta, Czarevitch. £2.90, £2.60, £2.20, £1.30. Raymond Gubbay
Sunday 12 Feb. 3 p.m.	VLADO PERLEMUTER Piano Recital. Chopin Scherzo in C sharp minor, Op. 39; Twelve Studies, Op. 10; Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op. 44; Twelve Studies, Op. 25. £2.25, £1.95, £1.65, £1.35, £1.00 Basil Douglas Ltd.
Sunday 12 Feb. 7.15 p.m.	LASALLE QUARTET Benita Valente (soprano) Quartets from the 2nd Viennese School: Webern Quartet, Op. Posth; 5 Movements for string quartet, Op. 5; Schoenberg Quartet No. 2 Op. 10. £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 De Koos Concert Management
Monday 13 Feb. 7.45 p.m. 8 p.m.	NASH ENSEMBLE Spohr Octet in E, Op. 32; Gordon Crosse "Wildboy" Concertante for clarinet and eight instruments (Oxford University Press Quincentenary Celebration 1st perf.); Beethoven Septet in E flat, Op. 20. £2.00, £1.75, £1.25, 80p Amelia Freedman
Tuesday 14 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	JOHN WILLIAMS (guitar) with Jennifer Smith (sop), Brian Burrows (ten), Timothy Walker (guitar), Paul Hamburger (piano) SOR (1778-1839). A programme to celebrate the bicentenary of his birth. £3.00, £2.20, £1.50, 90p. Harold Holt Ltd.
Wednesday 15 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	RICHARD HICKOX ORCHESTRA. Richard Hickox (conductor). Norma Burrowes (soprano), Simon Standage, Paul Scott, Andrew Watkinson, Edward Roberts (violins). Vivaldi Concerti for 1, 2 & 4 violins; Handel Cantata, Lucreria. £3.00, £2.50, £2.00 £1.50, £1.00. Ibbs & Tillett
Thursday 16 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	WALTER KLIEN Piano Recital. Mozart Sonata in A, K.331; Sonata in A minor, K.310; Schubert Sonata in A, D.959. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 75p. Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Friday 17 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	GERAINT JONES ORCHESTRA Geraint Jones (cond.), Winifred Roberts (violin), Janice Knight (oboe). Prog. inc. Concerto by Vivaldi in D for violin. Telemann in E minor for Oboe; Bach B'burg No. 5; Handel Grosso in A minor; Bach Suite No. 1 in C. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00. 75p. Kirckman Concert Soc Ltd.

PURCELL ROOM

Today 4 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	CONTRAPUNCTI Michael Lankester (conductor), Hannah Francis (soprano), Tom McDonnell (baritone). Janácek Mladi; Crosse Villanelles; Janácek/Lankester Moravian Songs; Crosse Corpus Christi Carol; Janácek Concertino. £1.75, £1.50. (ALL OTHERS SOLD.) Kate Ash
Sunday 5 Feb. 2.45 p.m. 6.45 p.m.	GREATER LONDON ARTS ASSOCIATION YOUNG MUSICIANS '78 Showcase Recitals. 70p (each concert) Greater London Arts Association
Monday 6 Feb. 8 p.m.	TESSA UYS Piano Recital Bach Toccata No. 3 in D; Beethoven Sonata in C minor, Op. 111; Brahms Sixteen Waltzes, Op. 39; Busoni Fantasy on themes from Bizet's Carmen; Scriabin Sonata No. 4 in F sharp. £1.00, 75p, 60p Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Tuesday 7 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	COLIN TILNEY Harpsichord Recital, Byrd My Lady Nevell's Ground; Anon Upon La Mi Re; Byrd Hugh Aston's Ground; Soler Four Sonatas; Froberger Two Toccatas; Scarlatti Seven Sonatas. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00. Basil Douglas Ltd.
Wednesday 8 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	LANDINI CONSORT Peter Syrus (dir) Terpsichore. A programme of German music from 1450-1600 inc music from the Court of Maximilian I; Lochamer & Glogauer Songbooks, Songs & dances by Michael Praetorius. £2.00 (ALL OTHERS SOLD). Helen Anderson Music Mgnt.
Thursday 9 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	GILLIAN THODAY (cello) John York (piano) Beethoven Sonata in D, Op. 102 No. 2; Sieptoe Suite for solo cello; Debussy Sonata in D minor; Bridge Sonata. £1.50, £1.20, 80p. Redcliffe Concerts of British Music
Friday 10 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	JOHN BARSTOW Piano Recital. Prokofiev 5 Visions Fugitives, Op. 22; Sonata No. 2 in A minor; 5 Visions Fugitives, Op. 22; Sonata No. 4 in C minor; Legende, Op. 12; Sonata No. 8 in B flat. £1.80, £1.40 (only) Ibbs and Tillett
Saturday 11 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	THE ELIZABETHAN SINGERS Peter Gellhorn (cond) Margaret Bruce & Peter Gellhorn (piano duet). A Gabrieli Madrigals; Mozart Fantasia in F minor; Schubert Choral pieces; Brahms Liebeslieder, Op. 52; Vaughan Williams 3 Shakespeare Songs. £2.00, £1.50 (only) Elizabethan Singers

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CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2, Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861. Sep. Perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. 1: THE CHOIRBOYS (X). Shut Down (U). Wk. & Sun. 1.15, 4.30, 7.50. Late show Tonight 11.15. 2: THE GAUNTLET (X). Wk. & Sun. 2.00, 5.00, 8.00. Late show Tonight 11.00.

CONCERTS

Monday, February 6 at 1 pm *personal appearance of* **Sir Georg Solti** at Henry Stave & Co., 11 Great Marlborough St., London, W.1. 437 4153.

LUNCHTIME MUSIC IN THE CITY Bishopsgate Hall, 250 Bishopsgate, EC2 Admission 50p Tuesday, 7 Feb., 1.05 to 1.50 pm ANTONY LINDSAY & SIMON YOUNG two pianos Peter Racine Fricker Sonata for two pianos Op. 78 (written for Lindsay & Young: 1st perf.). Rachmaninov Three movements from Fantasy Op. 5. Presented by the City Music Society.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC Prince Consort Road, S.W.7. Thursday, 9th February at 7.0 p.m. FIRST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Serenade in D, Op. 11, Brahms L'Horloge de Flore, Francaix Sones en to Giralda, Rodrigo Concertino de Camera, Ibert Cello Concerto, Elgar Conductor—Raphael Sommer

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CINEMAS

ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. Carné and Prevert's DROLE DE DRAME (A). Progs. 2.30, 4.40, 6.40, 8.40. ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Claude Goretta's THE LACE-MAKER (AA). Progs. 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40. ACADEMY THREE. 437 8819. Harold Pinter's THE CARETAKER (A). Progs. 4.30, 6.40, 8.45.

CAMDEN PLAZA. opp. Camden Town Tube. 485 2443. Taviani's PADRE PADRONE (X). Grand Prize, Cannes '77. "4th MONTH!" 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.50.

COLUMBIA. Shaftesbury Ave. (734 5414). GOODBYE EMMANUELLE (X). (French film, English sub titles). Cont. progs. 1.25 (Not Sun.). 3.10, 5.40, 8.10. Late show Sat. 11.00 p.m.

CURZON, Curzon St., W.1. 499 3737. PARDON MON AFFAIRE (X) (English sub titles). "A Sparkling New French Comedy. Directed with finesse by Yves Robert"—Sunday Express. Progs. at 2.0 (not Sun.), 4.05, 6.15, 8.30.

DOMINION. Tott Crt Rd. (580 9562) STAR WARS (U). Sep. progs. dly 2.00, 5.15, 8.35. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45 p.m. Seats bkble. for 5.15 & 8.35 progs. wks. and all progs. Sat. & Sun. SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR MANY PERFS. HURRY!

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PRINCE CHARLES, Leic. Sq. 437 8181. SALON KITTY (X). Sep. Perfs Dly (inc Sun). 2.45, 6.15, 9.00. Late show Fri & Sat 11.55. Seats Bkble. Lic'd Bar.

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THE SCREEN ON THE HILL (opp. Belsize Park Tube). 435 3366 Visconti THE INNOCENT (X) subtitled 2.05, 3.25, 6.45, 9.05 Seats bookable on same day, no telephone bookings. LATE SHOW TONIGHT AT 11.15 P.M. Brian De Palma's PHANTOM OF THE PARADISE (X) George Harrison's CONCERT FOR BANGLADESH (X)

ART GALLERIES

AGNEW GALLERY, 43 Old Bond St., W.1. 01-629 6176. 105th ANNUAL WATERCOLOUR EXHIBITION. Until 24 Feb. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-5.30: Thurs. until 7.

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Weekend Broadcasting

TV CHOICE

The afternoon's viewing gets off to a good start with skiing from Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1.10 pm, BBC1, but comes into its own really only at 2.20 (BBC1) with the England v Wales match from Twickenham. Pity that only highlights of the better game are to be shown later (4 pm). 6.25 (BBC1) promises. For months BBC has claimed that Dr Who is shortly to be without his primitive earthwoman, but there she is, still loping along beside him as he again encounters nothing but trouble on one of his infrequent visits home. 8.15 (BBC2) there is, of course, absolutely no guarantee that we shall feel at the end of this week any better about China than we did about the USSR when BBC completed its ill-starred Russian week some months ago. Nevertheless tonight marks the beginning of Sinovision, with a contents list at 8.15, followed by the first offering: Joris Ivens's China. Certainly the best available viewing.

Sunday. 12 noon ITV Brian Walden's *Weekend World* asks how far the Tories could go on immigration: Could the issue win them the election ? 3.45 (BBC1). There is something fascinating, if slightly frightening, about Bright Young Things. That probably accounts for my addiction to Young Scientists of the Year. Today the final—with two entrants from the northeast. H'way, Geordie *Lads (and Lassies, naturally !)*

Iain Redpath

THE WEEK'S FILMS

There's not much to stay at home for this week in the way of television films. The best, of course, is Strangers on a Train (Wednesday, BBC 1, 7.20), vintage Hitchcock and the first adaptation of a Patricia Highsmith novel. A classic Hitchcock "transfer of guilt" story, a psychopath suggests to an unhappily married man that the perfect (because apparently unmotivated) crime is for them to swap victims. *It has the famous murder* reflected in a spectacle lens, Norma Varden nearly throttled, and a climax on a maddened merry-go-round. Second choices might be Richard Fleischer's 1968 reconstruction of the true case of The Boston Strangler (Tonight, BBC 2, 11.30) which had a good performance by Tony Curtis and taut investigation sequences, though the psychological bits and the split-screen show-off must have dated by now; a far-fetched but compulsive Lamont Johnson thriller The Groundstat Conspiracy (Monday, BBC 1, 9.25); and a lively hold-up film of 1968, Anthony Isasi's They Came to Rob Las Vegas (Monday, Thames, 10.30). For curiosity and rarity, if nothing else, it should be worth watching a bit of Unity Dam (tomorrow, *BBC 2, 10.15), a film from Red China made* in 1976 and dealing with national minorities—always a delicate theme for Communist film makers.

Otherwise there are only indifferent Fifties British adaptations of Three Men in a Boat (this morning, London Weekend, 11.00) and An Inspector Calls (Monday, Thames, 2.25) or weary Westerns: Hostile Guns (today, BBC 2, 3.15) was directed in 1967 by R. G. Springsteen, and assembled aging stars George Montgomery, Brian Donlevy and Yvonne de Carlo; in the 1959 The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw (Friday, Thames, 2.25) not all the skills of the great professional Raoul Walsh could give magic to the teaming of Kenneth More and Jayne Mansfield. Twilight for the Gods (today, BBC 1, 6.50) was a dim 1958 effort in the Ship of Fools class, with Rock Hudson as the embittered captain of a rotting South Seas two-master and Cyd Charisse as a passenger with a past. Revenge (tonight, London Weekend, 11.15) showed what lurid *nastiness resulted when the "Carry On"* producers turned to drama (director, Sidney Hayers). There's little point in staying up on Friday for Assignment K (BBC 1, 11.25) which only proved that director Val Guest could not make a James Bond out of the late Stephen Boyd. Preceding it at 7.20 (BBC 1, Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon was the most bizarre of the Forties series, with Holmes and Watson, their prime prolonged miraculously, foiling the plots of Professor Moriarty, by this time a Second World War German agent.

David Robinson

SATURDAY TV

BBC 1

8.55 am, Teddy Edward. 9.05, Canoe. 9.30, Multi-coloured Swap Shop. 12.20 pm, Grandstand: 12.20 Football Focus; 12.50, 1.25, 1.55, Racing from Wetherby; 1.10, Skiing, World Alpine Championships; 1.40, Rugby preview of England v Wales match; 2.20, Rugby, England v Wales, and 4.00, Scotland v France, highlights. 4.40, Final Score. 5.10, Batman.

- 5.35 News.
- 5.50 Jim'll Fix-It.
- 6.25 Dr Who.
- 6.50 Film: Twilight for the Gods, with Rock Hudson, Cyd Charisse, Arthur Kennedy, Leif Erickson.
- 8.45 Les Dawson Show.
- 9.15 Starsky and Hutch.
- 10.05 News.
- 10.15 Match of the Day.
- *11.15* Parkinson.
- 12.15 am, Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES: 8.40-9.05 am, Telifant. SCOTLAND: 2.20 pm, Rugby: Scotland v France, live. 4.00-4.40, Rugby: England v Wales, highlights. 4.55-5.10, Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50, Scoreboard. 10.15, Sportscene. 10.45-11.15, Songs of Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.00-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50, Northern Ireland News.

HTV

9.05 am, Master Golf. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.45, Celebrity Squares. 6.30, Logan's Run. 7.30, London. 9.00, ATV. 10.00, London. 11.15-12.10, Moynihan. HTV CYMRU/WALES. As HTV except: 5.45, Cartoon. 6.00-6.30, Sion a Sian. 11.15-12.30 am, The Shoot. WESTWARD 9.00 am, The Beatles. 9.25, The Lost Islands. 9.55, Film: The King's Pirate, with Doug McClure, Jill St. John, Guy Stockwell. 11.30, Gus Honeybun. 11.35, Space 1999. 12.30, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, Happy Days. 6.45, London. 9.00, Police Woman. 10.00, London. 11.15, Film: Fright, with Honor Blackman, Susan George, Ian Bannen, John Gregson. 12.45 am, Faith for Life.

Scottish

9.00 am, Horses in Our Blood (r). 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Film, I Love A Mystery, with Ida Lupino, David Hartman, Terry-Thomas. 10.00, London. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20-12.20 am, Sun TV Awards.

Tyne Tees

9.05 am, Survival. 9.30, Hopalong Cassidy. 10.50, Play Soccer. 11.30, Space 1999. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, The Bionic Woman. 10.00, London. 11.15, The Practice. 11.45, The Family 12.40 am, Epilogue.

Border

9.30 am, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Bionic Woman. 10.00, London. 11.15, Granada. 11.45-12.40 am, Tandarra.

BBC 2

- 3.15 Film: Hostile Guns, with George Montogomery, Yvonne De Carlo, Tab Hunter, Brian Donlevy.
- 4.45 Play Away.
- 5.15 Horizon. Zero G.
- 6.05 Open Door. A Square deal for Pensioners.
- 6.30 Sight and Sound in Concert, Bebop Deluxe, Jenny Darren.
- 7.30 News.
- *7.45* Book Programme, J. G. Ballard talks to Dr Christopher Evans.
- 8.15 China on 2, preview from Peking.
- 8.25 Joris Iven's China.
- 11.00 M*A*S*H.
- 11.25 News.
- 11.30-1.20 Film: The Boston Strangler, with Tony Curtis, Henry Fonda, George Kennedy.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, Rolf Harris. 9.25, Film: Run Wild, Run Free, with Mark Lester, John Mills, Sylvia Syms, Gordon Jackson, Bernard Miles. 11.00, Valley of the Dinosaurs. 11.30, Happy Days. 12.00, Calendar Kids. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Bionic Woman. 10.00, London. 11.15, Mary Tyler Moore. 11.45-12.45 am, The Outsiders.

Grampian

9.00 am, Scene on Saturday. 9.30, Tree Top Tales. 9.45, Woody Woodpecker. 10.15, Woo-binda. 10.45, Cartoon. 11.00, The Lost Islands. 11.30, Waldo Kitty. 12.00, Captain Scarlet. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Bionic Woman. 10.00, London. 11.15, Reflections. 11.20-12.20 am, Sun Television Awards.

Anglia

9.00 am, Animal Alphabet. 9.10, Cartoons. 9.30, ATV. 12.30, London. 5.15, Southern. 6.00, Code R. 7.00, Southern. 7.30, London. 8.30, Film: She Cried Murder, with Lynda Day George, Telly Savalas, Mike Farrell. *10.00, London. 11.30, Within These* Walls. 12.15 am, At The End of the Day.

Ulster

10.10 am, The Herbs. 10.20, Tree Top Tales. 10.35, Beachcombers. 11.00, Survival. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Film, High Society, with Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Grace Kelly. 10.00, London. 11.20-12.20 am, The Sun TV Awards.

Channel

12.18 pm, Puffin. 12.30, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, Happy Days. 6.45, London. 9.00, Police Woman. 10.00, London. 11.15, Film, Fright. 12.45 am, Weather.

London Weekend

8.30 am, Fun Food Factory (r). 8.55, Junior Police 5. 9.00, Sesame Street. 10.00, Our Show. 11.00, Film: Three Men in a Boat (1956), with Laurence Harvey, Jimmy Edwards and David Tomlinson. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Motor Racing: Brazilian Grand Prix. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30, Sandown; 1.45, Stratford; 2.00, Sandown; 2.15, Stratford; 2.30, Sandown; *2.45, Stratford; 3.00, Sandown.* 3.10, Surfing, Women's Masters Championship; Tobogganing, St Moritz. 3.50, Half-time Soccer Round-up. 4.00, Wrestling. *4.50, Results Service.*

- 5.05 News.
- 5.15 Happy Days.
- 5.45 Logan's Run.
- 6.45 Celebrity Squares.
- 7.30 Enemy at the Door.
- 8.30 Sale of the Century.
- 9.00 Within These Walls.
- 10.00 News.
- 10.15 The South Bank Show with Melvyn Bragg, David Hockney.
- 11.15 Film: Revenge (1971), with James Booth, Kenneth Griffith.

12.30 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

ATV

9.05 am, Rolf Harris. 9.30, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Six Million Dollar Man. 6.15, Havoc; Life at the Limit. 6.45, London. 9.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 10.00, London. 11.15-12.40 am, Film: Trilogy of Terror, with Karen Black.

Southern

8.50 am, Weekend. 9.00, Our Show. 12.20 pm, Weekend. 12.30, London. 5.15, Celebrity Squares. 6.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, London. 8.30, Film: Matt Helm, with Tony Francoisa. 10.00, London. 11.15, Within these Walls. 12.15 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather, Epilogue.

Granada

9.30 am, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, Havoc. 6.45, Sale of the Century. 7.15, Enemy at the Door. 8.15, Best Sellers. 10.00, London. 11.15, Second City Revue. 11.45-1.10 am, Film: Scream, Pretty Peggy, with Bette Davis.

SUNDAY TV

BBC 1

9.00 am, Mary, Mungo and Midge. 9.15, The 60 70 80 Show. 9.40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.10, Parosi. 10.25, Company Pensions—Who Cares? 10.50, Kontakte. 11.15, The Living City. 11.40, On the Move. 11.50, Your Move. 12.15 pm, Sunday Worship at Pebble Mill. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Dressmaker. 1.50, News. Headlines. 1.55, Film: Snowbound, with Lisa Jane Persky, Michael Mullens. 2.45, European Figure Skating Championships. 3.45, Young Scientists of the Year, final. 4.20, The Secret War.

- 5.10 News.
- 5.20 Hawkmoor.
- 6.10 Holiday.
- 6.40 Songs of Praise from St Peter's, Dunstable.
- 7.15 All Creatures Great and Small.
- 8.05 Play: The Seagull, by Anton Chekhov.
- 10.10 News.
- 10.20 Everyman: Soldier for Islam—report from Libya.
- 10.55 Read All About It.
- 11.30 For the Love of Albert.
- *12.20 am, Weather.*

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES.—1.55-2.15 pm, Pink Panther Show. 2.15, Tomorrow's World. 2.40, Sports Line-Up. 4.40-5.10, Twndish. 6.40, Yn Y Dechreuad. 6.50-7.15, Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 10.55, Milk Run to Berlin. 11.45, News. 11.47-12.37 am, For the Love of Albert. SCOTLAND.—12.15-1.00 pm, Noonliddings. 6.40-7.15, Scotsoraise from St Peter's Church, Thurso. 10.25-10.55, The Yes, No, Don't Know Show.

Westward

9.30 am, London. 11.30, Out of Work. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Master Golf. 1.45, Farm and Country News. 2.15, London. 11.00, Havoc. 11.30, An Audience with Jasper Carrott. 11.55, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, London. 11.30, Elephant Boy (r). 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Gardening. 1.30, Weather. 1.35, Farming. 2.05, Match of the Week. 3.05, Cartoon. 3.15, Little House on the Prairie. 4.15, London. 11.00, Frankie Vaughan Show. 12.00, The Bible for Today.

Tyne Tees

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, London. 11.00, Indoor League. 11.25, Where the Jobs Are. 11.30, The Beatles. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, The Beachcombers. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, The Jetsons. 2.30, Shoot. 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 11.00, Impact. 11.15, Police Woman. 12.15 am, Epilogue.

Grampian

10.30 am, London. 11.30, Master Golf. 12.00, ATV. 1.00, Gardening. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Toolkit. 2.30, Celebrity Squares. 3.15, Scotsport. 4.15, London. 6.25, Out of Stress. 6.50, London. 11.00, Reflections. 11.05, Maggie and her. 11.35-12.05 am, The Odd Couple.

BBC 2

8.05 am, Open University: Engineering Mechanics: 8.30, Introduction to Chemistry and Geology; 8.55, Beginning M101; 9.20, Perceiving a Wilderness; 9.45, Electrons in Motion: 10.10, Maths; 10.35, Open Forum: 11.00, The First Year of Life: 11.25-11.50, Introduction to Science. 1.35 pm, Money Programme. The end of the Beginning. 2.10, Arena: Theatre. The story of The Cherry Orchard. 2.45, Americans: The District Attorney. 3.35, Training at the Peking Circus. 3.55, Ski Sunday. 4.40, Men of Ideas: Marcuse and the Frankfurt School. 5.25, Rugby: England v Wales and Scotland v France.

- 6.40 News Review.
- 7.15 The World About Us. People's Zoo at Peking.
- 8.05 The Mayor of Casterbridge.
- 9.00 News.
- 9.05 The Lively Arts. Hands off the Classics, debate.
- 9.55 Caught in Time. Satirical home-movie (1934) about the Blackshirt movement.
- 10.15-11.55 Unity Dam, film created collectively at Shanghai Film Studio.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, London. 11.00, Gardening. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, ATV. 1.00, Calendar Sunday. 1.25, Cartoon. 1.35, Emmerdale Farm. 2.30, Football. 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 11.00, Power Without Glory. 12.00-12.25 am, The Entertainers.

Border

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, London. 11.00, In Search of . . . 11.30, Gardening. 12.00, ATV. 1.00, Survival. 1.30, *Farming.* 2.00, Border Diary. 2.05, Cartoon. 2.15, London. 3.15, Table Tennis. 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 11.00, Electric Theatre Show. 11.30-12.00, Police Surgeon.

HTV

9.00 am, Sesame Street. 10.00, London. 11.30, ATV. 1.00 pm, University Challenge. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Cartoons. 2.15, London. 3.15, Space 1999. 4.15: London. 11.00, An Audience with Jasper Carrott. 11.30-12.25 am, Baretta. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 5.15-5.45 pm, Teithiau Gerallt.

Ulster

10.30 am, Link. 11.00, Toolkit. 11.30, Master Golf. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, All About Babies. 1.30, Cartoon. 1.45, Garnock Way. 2.15, London. 3.15, Cartoons. 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 6.25, Sunday Insight. 6.50, London. 11.00, Sports Results. 11.05-12.00, Baretta.

Scottish

10.05 am, Credo. 10.30, London. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, ATV. 1.00 pm, Happy Day. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 2.30, Celebrity Squares. 3.15, Scotsport. 4.15, London. 6.25, Book Mark. 6.50, London. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-12.00, The Streets of San Francisco.

London Weekend

9.05 am, Master Golf. 9.30, Make It Count. *10.00, Morning Worship* from South Kirkby Methodist Church, West Yorkshire. 10.30, Link. 11.00, All About Babies (r). 11.30, Happy Days (r). 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, London Weekend Show. 1.30, Cartoon. 1.45, University Challenge. 2.15. The Big Match. 3.15, Danger in Paradise. 4.15, New Faces. 5.15, Adam Smith (r). 5.45, The Ghosts of Motley Hall.

- 6.15 News.
- 6.25 Credo.
- 6.50 Stars on Sunday.
- 7.15 The Muppet Show with Don Knotts.
- 7.45 The Moneychangers.
- 9.15 Two's Company, with Elaine Stritch, Donald Sinden, Beryl Reid.
- 9.45 News.
- 10.00 The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, with Geraldine McEwan.
- 11.00 London Programme.
- 12.00 Havoc: Life at the Limit (Motor Racing).

12.30 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

ATV

9.05 am, First Steps in First Aid. 9.30, Farming. 10.00, London. 11.25, Captain Nemo. 11.30, Make It Count. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, Mister Magoo. 1.20, Space 1999. 2.20, Star Soccer. 3.15, Logan's Run. 4.15, London. 11.00, Munich—20 Years After. 11.30-12.00, Andy.

Southern

9.00 am, Master Golf. 9.25, Make It Count. 9.50, Cartoon. 10.00, London. 11.27, Weather. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, *Cartoon. 1.15, Wish You Were Here ?* 1.45, Gardening. 2.15, Southern Soccer. 3.15, Westside Medical. 4.10, Southern News. 4.15, London. 11.00, Baretta. 12.00, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

9.30 am, Master Golf. 10.00, London. 11.00, Make It Count. 11.25, Journal. 11.35, Mr Magoo. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoon. 1.10, The Practice. 1.40, Indoor League. 2.10, Kick Off Match. 3.15, Cartoon. 3.30, Celebrity Squares. 4.15, London. 11.00, Munich—Twenty Years After. 11.30-12.30 am, The Collaborators.

Channel

2.12 pm, Weather. 2.15, London. 11.00, Havoc: Life at the Limit. 11.30, An Audience with Jasper Carrott. 11.55, Epilogue; Weather.

Radio

DAVID WADE

Getting it off the ground

To my shame I cannot find that I have said a word so far about the Sunday serialization of *The Pickwick Papers* which has been under Jane Morgan's direction for the past 11 Sundays and reaches its final episode tomorrow. The adaptation is by Barry Campbell and Constance Cox and sounds to me a faithful one—although this judgment must be qualified as coming from a man who has, for example, read and forgotten the whole of the divine Jane Austen to the point that he cannot remember the characters nor what happens in any single novel; whose reading in general —of Dickens, Hardy, George Eliot, you name it—seems to go in at one eye and then, after the shortest possible sojourn, to trickle slowly out at the other, leaving not a wrack behind. The process seems comparable to the workings of his alimentary canal and he only hopes the parallel holds to the extent that *what goes through the cerebral tract leaves a grain of* nourishment behind.

Anyway this version of *Pickwick* seems to match the flavour of a book which I devoured not so many years ago and as its events flow past, many of them have a dim familiarity. On one point, however, I am much less vague: the production is immensely lively and outstandingly well cast. On discovering that *Freddie Jones was to play* Mr Pickwick, I was, it must be said, a little apprehensive: Mr Jones is not exactly an actor who fades into his parts, but he has vanished behind this one right enough; the sympathy between himself and Mr Pickwick appears to be complete and he gives an absorbing, affectionate performance. Nearly the same words might be applied to the Winkle-Tupman-Snodgrass trio, all of them charmingly played by Philip Bond, Michael Graham Cox and Stephen Thorne respectively. There's a splendid, solid, unforced, *sprirely* Sam Weller from Douglas Livingstone with John Hollis as his old father, patently of the same family and quality. But the list could go on to the very last name.

Dickensian dialogue certainly brings out the best in a *highly talented* cast, but you might hear many of the same names *some* other day of the week working on a duller script —*in one of those dire* dramatized documentaries, for instance—and wonder where the talent had gone. Roger Snowdon's *Mistinguett*, though not in the dull, dire, dramatized class, was the kind of thing that actors generally read through with a minimum of verve and two of those involved here kept up the old tradition. They were in bit parts certainly and Prunella Scales as Mistinguett had the best of the script, but the difference she made was far in excess of the size of her part or what she could have got away with. Armed with a large, firm French accent and about a ton and half of energy, she turned what could have been a rather ordinary read into a portrait complete with ostrich feathers. In her performance she was actually as real as the recordings of Chevalier, Jean Sablon et al; she created the impression that Mistinguett had taken part as much as they.

That you might call radio acting with a vengeance and I wish its spirit had been a little more in evidence in last Sunday's production by Ian Cotterell of *The Beggar's Opera*. This was never less than enjoyable, very enjoyable: the singing inspired some respect and amazement that so many actors should be at least competent and in several cases rather accomplished, while David Cain's realization of John Gay's music was always fresh and attractive, especially as instrumented. Hold it up to *Pickwick* though, and it did not achieve that final and complete persuasiveness which simply wraps the listener up in a bundle and carries him along.

The comparison, of course, is not fair: Freddie Jones and *Company* have had twelve hours of air time, which means days of rehearsal, to get Dickens off the ground. If we are looking for the Mistinguett confidence and panache, Miss Scales had a straightforward part and on herself to bring up to scratch. The problems of making something of *The Beggar's Opera* are by comparison immense and a production of it needs above all a great deal of time—time for the cast to weld itself into unity, time to negotiate the joins of speech and song—for the music throughout is fragmentary and *tends to break the* action up—time to acquire confidence and familiarity and fluency and drive. Radio these days does not offer time like that, so it is really enormous to Mr Cotterell's credit that the whole affair succeeded as well as it did. And, of course, to Mr Gay's as well: the unrepentant amorality of Macheath, Peachum, Locket and the rest is very much of the world we know. It would be something to see this production assembled on a stage and given a chance to blossom.

The Glastonbury Ring filled the ground behind the one of Rutland Boughton's compositions most of us have ever heard. "*How beautiful they are* the lordly ones", encased in his opera, *The Immortal Hour*, packed a London Theatre between the wars. Princess Marie Louise saw it 52 times, some other aficionados 133. Boughton, compared in his day to Elgar, is now in oblivion. He hoped to become the English Wagner with Arthur and Avalon doing duty for Siegfried and the Rhein. The programme presented a man of exceptional aspiration and style of life; whether he was also of more than ordinary talent it gave no opportunity to judge, but a Boughton concert today were (Radio 3) may throw some light on that.

SATURDAY RADIO

1

6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 8.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Kid Jensen. 12.00, Paul Gambaccini. 1.31 pm, Rock On.† 2.30, Alan Freeman.† 5.31, Alexis Korner.† 6.30, Sight and Sound In Concert, Be-Bop Deluxe and Jenny Darren.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.15, Johnny Pearson.† 8.30, Take Your Partners.† 9.30, Radio Orchestra.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.10, Alan Dell. 12.31-12.33 am, News.

† Stereo.

2

6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Wally Whyton.† 12.02 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, News Huddlines. 1.30-5.55, Sport, including Football; Rugby, England v Wales and Scotland v France; Racing from Sandown; Cricket, England v Canterbury, NZ. 5.00, Sports Report. 6.03, Europe '78: Australia. 7.02, Peter Goodwright. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3

7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, *Mozart*, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Josef Strauss. 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release: Medtner, Beethoven.† 10.45, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Roussel, Berlioz, Chausson.† 12.02 pm, James Galway.† 12.55, News. 1.00, Heritage. 1.15, *Mozart Piano Concertos.*† 2.15, Man of Action: Sir Derek Mitchell.† 3.35, Beethoven, Schumann, Sibelius.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.45, Critics' Forum. 6.35, Collectors' Corner: Edwardian Out of his Time. 7.30, Concert from Halifax, part 1: Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov.† 8.20, Personal View, by Sir Ieuan Maddock. 8.45, Concert, part 2: Stravinsky.† 9.30, Yo Yo Ma and Melvyn Tan (violin and piano): Schubert, Hindemith, Brahms. 10.40, Sounds Interesting.† 11.2... News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.

4

6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.5... Yours Faithfully. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Yours Faithfully. 7.50, It's a Bargain. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.1... Sport on 4. 8.45, Today's Papers. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.10, Pick of the Week. 10.00, News. 10.02, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Between the Lines. 11.0... News. 11.02, The Week in Westminster. 11.30, Science Now. 12.0... News. 12.02 pm, James Galway. Radio 3. 12.55, Weather. 1.0, News. 1.15, Any Questions. 2.00, Frank Muir Goes in . . . The Post Office. 2.30, Play: Commercial Break. 3.00, News. 3.05, Does He Take Sugar? 3.3... Radio 3. 5.00, Kaleidoscope Encore. 5.30, Week Ending. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Desert Island Discs. 6.50, Robert Robinson. 7.3... Christopher Grier, records. 8.3... Play: Saul Among the Prophets. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.1... Smash of the Day: The Navy Lark. 10.45, A Part of the Greek Scene. Lotus Eaters' Quick Service. 11.0... Prayers. 11.15, News. 12.03-12.0... am, Inshore Forecast.

SUNDAY RADIO

1

6.30 am, News. Sam Costa.† 8.00, Playground. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Peter Powell. 1.00 pm, *Jimmy Savile.* 3.00, Anne Nightingale. 5.30, Quiz Kid 78. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.02, Robin Richmond.† 7.30, Glamorous Nights.† 8.30, Sunday Half-Hour. 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.02, Peter Goodwright. 10.30, Don Maclean. 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Jazz.† 12.31-12.33 am, News.

† Stereo

2

6.30 am, Radio 1. 8.03, Dana.† 8.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Benny Green.† *11.30, People's Service.* 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 1.30, Sacha Distel.† 3.02, David Jacobs.† 4.30, Charlie Chester.† 6.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3

7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Mozart and The Violin Sonata. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Bach, Weber, Debussy, Poulenc. 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.20, Concert Performances by Guido Cantelli: Parikian, Brahms, *Roussel, Berlioz. 12.20 pm, Aeolian* String Quartet, part 1: Panufnik, Mozart.† 1.10, Words by D. H. Mellor. 1.15, Aeolian String Quartet, part 2: Ravel.† 1.55, Talking About Music.† 2.25, Lohengrin, opera by Wagner, Act 1.† 3.20, Reading. 3.40, Lohengrin, Act 2. 5.05, Reading. 5.15, Lohengrin, Act 3. 6.30, Play. A Moon for the Misbegotten, by Eugene O'Neill.† 9.0... Solti Conducts, part 1: Vaughan Williams.† 9.35, God, Space and Time, talk by J. E. McGuire. 9.5... Solti, part 2: Holst.† 11.00, Reith Lectures: Change in British Society, part 4: The Rise of Party. 11.30, News. 11.35-11.40, Schubert Song.

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7.10 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.40, Bells. 7.45, Reading. 7.5... Sunday Papers. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday. 8.4... Appeal: Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare Ltd. 8.50, Sunday Papers. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, International Assignment. 9.30, Service from Central United Reformed Church, Derby. 10.1... Miscellany. 11.00, Local Time. 11.30, Money Box. 12.00, Away From It All. 12.48 pm, Letter from America. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.40, Instant Sunshine. 2.00, Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Play: Events at the Salamander. 4.00, News. 4.02, Talking about Antiques. 4.30, The Living World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Your Way. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, The Archers. 7.15, Conversation Piece, Lord Weidenfeld. 8.00, Concert: Beethoven, Dvorak, Handel. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Pickwick Papers. Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, ... 11.00, Five Faces of ... 11.15, News. 12.03-12.05 am, Inshore forecast.

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Paperbacks of the month

In praise of journalism

...ards the End of the Morn-
Michael Frayn
...ntana, 85p)

...a very funny business, the ...spaper business. Those of ...who scavenger our daily ...d in it are used to the re... ...ons of mingled curiosity, ...ility, and amusement from ...gers when we sheepishly ...it, at some ghastly dinner ...y, what we do for a living. ...e people zoom at once into ...k about the increasing ...ber of misprints, or bias, ...ensationalism. Others pro... to be incredulous that it ...erious work for a grown ... Others (and these care... hir on the most wounding thing that can be said to the morbidly sensitive vanity of a hack) say that they think they once saw a piece by you, but have you now stopped writing and gone into management, or why don't you write those amusing pieces that you once wrote any more. A friend of mine in the trade asserts that as we grow older, we journalists increasingly like the company only of other journalists, so that we can bathe together in a warm bath of mutual sympathy, self-esteem, and flattery: a gruesome prospect, if true.

It is odd that a business that clearly interests, excites, and annoys many people, should remain so hermetic to outsiders. Few books or films (are there any?) capture the authentic atmosphere of a newspaper office, that strange daily crescendo of chaos, flap, and order that somehow, with a little bit of luck, gives birth to tomorrow's paper.

Michael Frayn's high comedy is presumably drawn from the old *Manchester Guardian* and *The Observer*, where he wrote the funniest humorous column in journalism for several years. His gentlemanly and ineffectual hero tries to run a countryside column as well as obits and the crossword. But in parts it is uncannily like home life in our dear old Printing House Square before we moved house. Nobody has ever recorded so truthfully and so funnily the facts about the nutters who besiege the front door of a newspaper with messages from God, expenses (or exes, as we call them in the trade, to make their petty accountancy sound less of a nightmare), galley proofs, and freebies or facility trips, in which commercial enterprises try to buy favourable editorial mention by flying assorted hacks somewhere to look at something, and filling them with booze until their eyes bubble and their fingers tap even more wrong keys than usual. It is a lying myth that journalists write better or become more favourably disposed to their hosts when motherless (drunk) on free alcohol, though I suppose I shall be drummed out of the Wig and Pen for betraying this shameful professional secret.

Outsiders can learn from this book the mystery of subbing, or sub-editing (no, dear, the sub-editor is not next in the hierarchy after the editor himself, though he is in importance). There is nothing to it, really. It is just a matter of checking the facts and the spelling, crossing out the first sentence, and removing any attempts at jokes.

Apart from the farce in the newspaper office, and its outstations like the King's Arms and international airports, the book is also wistfully comic and perceptive about the hang-ups of middle-class, middle-aged man, not sure about where he is going, or why, or if he will like it when he gets there. In life as in the reporters' room, when you get to the end of a page in a hurry, you find you have put the carbons in back to front and have got to start again.

What the book misses, however, is the work. Of course newspapers are crazy places in their spare time. We have a man who sleeps under his desk to escape from the open plan; and crawls around the floor pinching the girls' ankles when the moon is full. Nevertheless, in fits and starts, especially around 5 pm, a great deal of clever, careful, on occasions brilliant work gets done by subs and reporters. Indeed, indeed all hacks tend to grumble and day-dream about being a sudden success in television chat shows so that they never have to work or put typer to paper again. But still the intolerable daily wrestle with words and meanings gets done professionally. Secretly we love it, and would be miserable doing anything else.

Towards the End of the Morning, because it is comedy, catches the quirks and eccentricities of newspapers better than any previous book. But it misses the central engine-room, the business itself. Outsiders will still not understand what fun, and what hard work it is.

Philip Howard

The fourth empty chair

The Decline and Fall of the Middle Class—and how it can fight back
By Patrick Hutber
(Penguin, 75p)

The Bank of England detects an unfamiliar sensation drifting across the country: feeling rich. Share prices have gone up (says the Bank in its *Quarterly Bulletin*), Government stock prices have gone up, house prices have gone up. American studies show that when this happens, the effect on those who own the shares or stocks or houses is marked. They believe themselves better off and they act on that belief: they take credit and spend money. All very worrying, concludes the Bank.

Not for the first time, Mr Patrick Hutber would greet the Bank of England's conclusion with a horse-laugh. Prices have gone up: measured (he would ask) in what? In sterling? But the real value of sterling, its purchasing power, has halved in five years. So—just about—has the real value of shares, and even of houses. As for Government stocks, the most widely held of them all, War Loan, over the forty years to 1975 *lost* 98 per cent of its real value. What part of that fall has it reclaimed? One per cent? Or less?

The loss of real value is at the core of Mr Hutber's argument. Of all the middle class's enemies, he warns, "inflation is the chief".

Mr Hutber finds the middle class no easier to define than others have. But on any definition, he says, there is a lot of it about—between one-third and one-half of the population. And in his search for a common factor, he arrives at thrift. The desire to be self sufficient, to be able to plan and to choose, the willingness to forgo present pleasures so as to have those choices in the future—Mr Hutber sees these qualities as central to the middle-class character, and inflation destroys them all. It "divorces from thrift all order and system, any hope of sensible planning". For long it seemed possible to plan by owning hedges against inflation—share prices, over two decades, rose fast enough to compensate for the fall in the value of money. In 1973 that hedge blew down and none has grown to replace it.

Inflation and steeply graded taxes on income and capital—these, with such allies as incomes policies and dividend restraint, have made the decline of the middle class real and painful. Mr Hutber charts it, and he seeks to chart, too, a more impalpable decline—in confidence and in standing: the decline which threatened to turn "middle class values" into a term of abuse.

And the fight back? Mr Hutber's heroes are unassertive: their quintessential remark, he says, is "I'm terribly sorry, but you're treading on my foot". They are individuals, and attempts to conscript them into massive lobbies become a bad joke. They can fight a particular corner, but they cannot make their influence felt in a corporate state. Indeed, in the three-cornered bargaining now supposed to define Britain's "industrial strategy", government, management and unions are there, but a fourth chair is empty. That belongs to the man who provides the money: the saver. He is taken for granted. Perhaps taking him for granted was the mistake the others are trying to pin down.

And yet saving, which has always been an individual's decision in this country, may become corporate, too. The private shareholder's response to what the Bank thinks his riches is to pile out of the stock market faster than ever. The pension funds have more money than they know what to do with, and soon will have far more. If saving becomes automatic, indirect and compulsory where does that leave thrift and the class whose central virtue it was? Will that class have decided that it can protect itself better inside the bureaucracies than outside? That, says Mr Hutber, would be "the death of the middle class by another name". But in some discomforts, euthanasia has its charms.

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Seeds for the harvest

Life of Henry James
...eon Edel
...egrine/Penguin, two ...nes, £5 each)

...long voyage is almost over. ...ssor Edel has journeyed Henry James for over 45 ..., researching, editing, in...cing James's works, and more than a quarter of a ...ury producing his biography ...ve well spaced volumes. It ...ue that we await at least more volumes of the ...rs from him. But with this ...initive edition" of *The of Henry James* his port ...ischarge is in sight. ...will be time. There has been the danger that the ...ssor would become as ...ast as any Hollywood star. ...names of James and Edel becoming inseparable. ...a fraction of those who Edel in this connexion ...aware that he has also ...en on James Joyce, Willa ...r, and other literary ...cts. An essay of his ...trait of the Artist as an Man", recently printed in *American Scholar*, con... the last phases of ...oy, James, and Yeats, is ...atest reminder that he has ...der range. ...has sensed the need to ...s this. In his introduction ...ese two volumes he makes ...oint that the time spent in ...g the *Life* was little more ...ix years. James, undoubt...ecame an investment, but ...first loyalty was to his ...ved art of biography". If ...ants to know what he has ...buted to that art, J. L. ...d's *From Puzzles to its* can tell us. Edel holds ...aders "by arranging his material in the light of psychological patterns forming and reforming. . . . He takes liberties with time" . . . but "the reader does feel that he is actually accompanying a real person through his life . . . getting inside his mind and evaluating his motives."

To what degree does this "definitive edition" vary from the original set? It is not practical to make a page by page comparison, but the answer "Not greatly" can safely be given. There is no such drastic revision as James himself undertook for the New York edition of his works. Edel says he has removed passages that had become obsolete, has got rid of early prolixities, and "incorporated such new material as was relevant—and revelatory." One notices that Aunt Kate's death has been better placed and expanded. The chapter on "The Art of Seeing" has become "The Painter's Eye", has been rewritten, and a remark of E. M. Forster's introduced. The homosexuality of both John Addington Symonds and Robert de Montesquiou is made explicit. The modern counterpart of Hyacinth Robinson no longer "burns his fingertips" but blows himself up while making bombs. To sum up—we lose the illustrations and gain a firmed-up masterpiece.

It can be asked whether James, either as man or artist, was worth such devotion. As for the artist, there are still many readers like the society beauty described by Edith Wharton in *A Backward Glance*. Being told at a country house party that James was to join it over the weekend, she said she had never heard of him. Her hostess gave her *The Wings of the Dove* and *The Golden Bowl* to read. She brought them down to luncheon the next day, saying gaily "Well—of all the *tosh*." (James, who could be ruffled by the slightest criticism from some fellow-craftsmen, was delighted when his hostess told him.)



Henry James, 1886, from a drawing by Sargent.

Many acknowledge James's significance, but declare him to be as unreadable as Meredith. How many of today's generation have read even half a dozen of Meredith's novels? James has never suffered such oblivion. Since his death over sixty years ago there has always been a band of the faithful. Now his audience, if not his readers, runs into millions. *The Portrait of a Lady*, *The Turn of the Screw*, *The Golden Bowl*, and *The Ambassadors* have been televised. They will have successors. To my mind *The Bostonians* would make an excellent play.

The essence of James's genius was his ability to sow his sensations into his work. Edel shows time and again how James's relationships and experiences could provide seeds for eventual artistic harvest. Ideas derived from them would germinate years later. The more conscious of them might be stored in the *Notebooks*. Many were sub-conscious. Edel's examples are almost always convincing. I find it impossible, however, to envisage Elena Lowe as the prototype of Christina Light. The future Princess Casamassima was an original.

Edel has used this homogeneity of James's life and works to the full. It enlightens everything he writes about the novels and the stories. He does it without becoming esoterical or succumbing to jargon. There is not a work of James's that he does not simplify and make understandable. Good examples are *The Turn of the Screw* and *The Golden Bowl*. By explaining how and why James took up each of his themes, he shows that the orotundity of James's style need not be a bar to appreciating the drama and significance of his tales. "Readers' Guides" have been produced for many authors from Trollope to Proust. *The Life of Henry James* can be used as one on the grand scale. It should keep James alive as an author worth reading for a number of generations. And James himself is made continuously interesting. Edel shows only in flashes how deeply he has been moved by contemplation of him. The prevailing quality of the prose in these two volumes is its lucidity. He attempts no purple passages. He does show tenderness and understanding. In his description of James's funeral service in Chelsea Old Church he adds his own love to that of the mourners for "this strange lonely man from America who had lived so much and so intensely in their midst and was now gone."

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William Haley

Roles and values

...H ROSSNER: **Looking ...r Goodbar** (Coronet, **To the Precipice** (Star, **...ine Months in the Life Old Maid** (Star, 75p)

...ll first-rate novels, *Look... Mr Goodbar* makes one ...seeing the film in case it ... or dilutes the powerful ...ion left behind by the ...word. Coronet have re... the paperback with ...Keaton on the cover and ...v flash which tells us it ...w a Major Paramount ... Perhaps we shall be ...nd the Freddie Fields ...ion will be even half as ... as the Judith Rossner

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Nine Months in the Life of an Old Maid, first published three years later in 1969, is much cleverer. A neurotic young woman called Elizabeth lives as a recluse with her indulgent sister and alcoholic brother-in-law in a vast country estate near New York, where they are visited from time to time by their weird half-brother and even weirder parents. Told with far more economy than *To the Precipice*, it is a neat, enchanting, bemusing little tale. It attempts the difficult task of showing "madness" from the inside—and succeeds remarkably well.

In all three novels the central character is caught in a trap which is partly of her own making and partly created by a brutal environment. Each trap is brilliantly constructed, horribly real. Another theme which is common to all three novels is more surprising in the work of so sophisticated a writer. Prince Charming. As each heroine struggles in her trap, up he rides, a bit ragged around the lace cuffs but none the less ready to plant the kiss which will free her. Theresa Dunn just *might* have found some kind of happiness with the ingenuous James Morrissey; Ruthie Kossof nearly fought through to true love with David Landau; and Elizabeth dragged herself with bleeding feet from one neurotic hermitage to another, into the arms of the god-like Max. Is Judith Rossner trying to tell us that a poor woman can still find salvation in a good man?

Anna Coote

Lone vixen

Moll Flanders
By Daniel Defoe
Edited with an introduction by Juliet Mitchell
(Penguin, 80p)

Pioneer journalist that Defoe was, he knew the charm that news of the world of crime has always held for the English. He knew, too, that it is not enough, and not respectable, merely to titillate. Only insist on a sound moral tone and you may say anything. Such are the first reflections of one who comes, very late in the day, to *Moll Flanders* and finds the author more fascinating than his heroine—at any rate to begin with.

The book exists, I fancy, on at least three planes. There is the young woman who picks her way adroitly, with a good deal of luck, through the mazes of seventeenth-century English lawlessness (Defoe reassuringly set the scene back by 50 years). Though she has half a dozen "husbands" she is essentially a thief, not a whore, a thief who, in spite of her conventional protestations, plumes herself on her skill. She tries one by one all the tricks of her trade, since she is resolved to be safe and never to use the same ruse twice. Thus far, then, it has all the interest of an informal compendium of thieving: no more. Yet on putting the book down, we discover the character is still in our thoughts. Like cucumber, she repeats.

After that first subtle, almost imperceptible modulation from virtuous young girl into brazen adventuress, we find ourselves caught. She is a lone vixen, making no friends to speak of but the "godmother" who backs her in her enterprises, disposes of her spoils and eventually comes to stand for a model of friendship that is not without altruism. Moll herself is kindly enough except when her interests are threatened: no questioning the relief when some potential witness against her is hanged. She expounds a policy for getting a husband in an age of superfluous women (unexpected light on England in 1721). And consequently when she allows herself to love she goes about it in a business-like way, parcelling out her property against what she calls a wet day. How hard she is Defoe makes abundantly clear in her complacent remark that one of the girls indentured to her in her final palmy days in Virginia "happened to come double, having been got with child by one of the seamen in the ship".

The second plane is the moral one. How far are we to take her repentance seriously? Scrupulous as she is in examining her conscience while in Newgate, can she be trusted? These questions are perhaps ungenerous, or in asking them we assert the "reality" of the character; they would not occur to us with the common run of women in fiction.

And then, what of Defoe himself? His preface reads like a masterpiece of justification—everything put to "virtuous and religious uses"; thieves' practices a warning to the careless; the happy ending an encouragement to "all the unfortunate creatures" sent to the plantations, and so on. The author stands exonerated, but here, too, how much is craft, and how much sincerity? Unworthy doubt! I bid myself think instead of the farming clergyman who modernized my house just before the novel was written, the middling sort of person to whom it was probably addressed, and am confident he would have found it edifying.

Three planes, did I say? The novel's persistent vitality is illustrated afresh in the ingenious introduction, which takes it to be, in part, a study of "the particular nature of man under commercial capitalism".

Jan Stephens

Less than Wuthering

Wuthering Heights
By Emily Brontë
(Corgi, 85p)
Return to Wuthering Heights
By Anna L'Estrange
(Corgi, 85p)

Anna L'Estrange's decision to write a sequel to *Wuthering Heights* was a bold—some might think a reckless—one, and she must be given some marks at least for courage. I tried to see it as *Wuthering Heights* might have been seen by the readers of its day: not as a classic, but as a rattling good, rather shocking, romantic yarn.

Her story grows logically out of the earlier work, and while retaining the basic characteristics of the Earnshaws, Lintons, and Heathcliff, she manages to give their descendants a life of their own consistent with their background, inheritance, and the gradual infusion of new blood. She takes account, too, of changing circumstances; the opening up of life in the early nineteenth century, and also seizes on Heathcliff's three "missing" years and ingeniously turns them to her own advantage.

Yet the links with the original work are kept close. Even the device of the double narration is retained. This time the story is told by Tom Lockwood, the middle-aged son of the Lockwood who first visited Wuthering Heights in 1801; and Agnes, great-niece of Nelly Dean. These two are also people in their own right, with personalities, histories — and futures — quite different from those of their predecessors.

So why the reservation? Partly, I think, the very extension of the canvas which gives the sequel its individuality also destroys the essence of the original: its intense, brooding, quality. The elemental power is missing. *Wuthering Heights* was concerned only with the lives and loves of a tiny handful of people who lived, worked, loved and died in the same, remote, place. This gives it a passionate intensity which has a grip on the reader like the fingers of a new-born baby. *Return to Wuthering Heights* opens out into a four-stranded story, taking in, quite validly in context, the beginning of the Industrial Revolution and the Napoleonic wars. Characters come and go, and are sometimes missing from the story for as much as a decade. (Heathcliff's son goes for a soldier with the Duke of Wellington's army!)

But the most important flaw is the flatness and carelessness, of the writing. There are imperfections in style in Emily Brontë's novel, especially in the early stages, but they mainly arise from the first fumblings of an inexperienced writer. (*Wuthering Heights* was, after all, Emily's only novel.) Once in her stride, they largely disappear. And the reader has, always, the sense of compulsion and power which lay behind the telling of the story. Emily Brontë simply had to "get it out". And she also had the instinctive gift of a poet.

Not so Anna L'Estrange. Her novel is very carefully plotted. There is no sense of an overwhelming drive behind the telling of her story. And whereas Emily Brontë was writing unselfconsciously in the idiom of her own time, Anna L'Estrange is writing a "period" novel—and it shows. She even mixes her periods, and sometimes uses modern words and phrases not current usage at the time. And there are infelicities of style, and grammatical errors, which make one wince. The overall impression is of hurried writing and negligent correction. I cannot see it on the bookshelves of readers 130 years from now.

A great pity, because the story is ingenious and the characters are convincing.

And I'm glad she tried, it only because she sent me back to Emily Brontë's original work, which I hadn't read for years.

Elizabeth Grey

Quick guide

Two for Lenten reading: On Being a Christian, by the Catholic theologian, Hans Kung, a book which drew extraordinary praise and criticism from Catholic and Protestant alike (Fount, £2.50); and in the week of the General Synod, **Leaders of the Church of England, 1828-1978**, by David L. Edwards, Canon of Westminster (Hodder & Stoughton, £1.50) from Victorian prosperity (quoting Gladstone's story of a conversation overheard between two private soldiers: "Come now, what is the Church of England?" "It is a damned large building with an organ in it") to present day doubts and fears.

Doubts and fears loom also in **Escape Attempts: The Theory and Practice of Resistance to Everyday Life**, by Stanley Cohen and Laurie Taylor (Penguin £1), a book which grew from the research done by the two authors on the way long term prisoners came to terms with their lot. How do we face imprisonment by routine, boredom, the years of quiet desperation? Instructive, though provoking (well, *provoking*) and funny.

For escapism in its truest form, a marvellous story which happens to be true, dashing heroes, brave partisans, extreme danger and devotion to duty, **Ill Met By Moonlight** (Sphere, 75p) by W. Stanley Moss fills every requirement. The abduction of Major General Kreipe from Crete in wartime is a classic in every way, with the added pleasure of knowing that one of the ragged and piratical scarecrows involved was Sandy Rendel, later to be the Diplomatic Correspondent of *The Times*.

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Good Food

Women in the kitchen

Now that it is commonplace to find women preaching, taxi-driving, leading political parties and performing other solitary and thankless tasks in the public realm, a group of new restaurants whose driving spirits are women may seem altogether unremarkable. After all, even in Italy and France, Zia Nerina of Bologna or Mère Fillioux of Lyons are names that were long ago held in honour wherever restaurants were talked about, and in any knowledgeable person's list of the best British chefs with restaurants of their own, there would be a couple of women in the first six.

All the same, there is more to running a successful restaurant than cooking capably and creating an atmosphere of good taste in all senses. British customers—possibly for want of real interest in the way things are cooked—seem to expect a gutsier kind of hospitality, not excluding sheer bull, in the places they give their hearts to.

However, change in this respect may be only a matter of time, and there is certainly no call to be patronizing about the places discussed here, whose owners and cooks at least have plenty to teach other caterers in Wiltshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire and Little Venice.

The Old Lime Kiln in Wootton Bassett, which houses Loaves and Fishes, was built before the Armada, and a late Victorian owner had the agreeable title of Inspector of Nuisances, which seems worth reviving in almost any borough one cares to mention. By contrast, the principles on which this restaurant is run are exceptionally benign. Nikki Kedge says that if only mortgagers permitted, they would be happy to give their food away for the sheer pleasure of cooking it, and her partner Angela Rawson has the craft in the blood, for her aunt Iris Syrett ran a well-known cookery school in Woking. The room is small, the menu short, and admirers cordial: "The artichoke soup rich yet light, scattered with toasted almonds; the smoked mackerel pâté neither too smooth nor too fatty, and sprigged with fennel; the lemon mousse of a perfect texture and sharpness." Crab mousse, grilled chicken with tarragon, and plum sorbet made another meal hard to fault, and though they make a point of offering second helpings if needed, "it would have been out of the question after their roast lamb with a casserole of potatoes and mushrooms, and a dark, moist, sticky and delicious gateau, decorated with a garden rose in a bed of chocolate shavings".

Wiltshire is not richly endowed with good places to eat in, but it is a land of milk and honey compared with Derbyshire. The owners of Loaves and Fishes graduated to the restaurant trade from cooking private dinners; Mrs Rhodes, at The Cottage in Ashford-in-the-Water, graduated to dinners from cream teas, and since there are only five tables in her dining-room it would be foolish not to discuss a meal in advance. But she is naturally hospitable, and good judges whose dinners (£5) have included her cheese and cucumber mousse, swede soup with caraway rolls, roast lamb with savoury rice and Cumberland sauce, and hazelnut gateau or orange parfait, have been very pleased to find this "intermittently pretty" village. Mrs Rhodes offers a vegetarian dinner too, but a rather latitudinarian one, with smoked salmon pâté included as well as, perhaps, her lentil bake with cheese sauce. There are a few wines, and £3 is a good price these days for Ch du Tertre '70.

Like the preceding two, the next two restaurants both have women in the kitchen, but one of them has a husband front-of-house in the usual way. As a pair, though, they are irresistible because they belong to a rather small sub-group of feminine restaurants—that devised and run by cookery journalists. Most girls in this trade—Grub Street seems the apposite description of it—know better than to put up their plates as practitioners, even at a safe distance from their former colleagues, but Maggie Angeloglou ate and wrote widely in France before opening the Vineyard in Northampton with her *Sunday Times* husband Christopher, and they have borrowed the civilized Austrian custom of providing a magazine rack for solitary customers.

The Angeloglous have stiff competition just outside Northampton, but so far there is little but praise for their English and French regional dishes. A "delicate" smoked trout mousse and "convincingly flavoured" boeuf bourguignonne are mentioned, and "their chocolate roulade is superb, and though I was once given a tasteless, hard-frozen bombe surprise, this was quickly—and humbly—changed for treacle tart". The menus make a feature of game, such as jugged hare with olives, venison pasty, and Olney rabbit pie "with a wild variety of mustards". "Ye squirrels, rabbits, leverets, rejoice," wrote Olney's famous poet, William Cowper, a few years earlier than the date on that recipe, but he would have had to cancel the line if he had seen Mrs Angeloglou coming.

Sue Miles, who runs Didier in Little Venice, London, with her friend Pagan Gregory, used to write about restaurants for *Time Out*, and they share the cooking. "We only use the deep freeze for the akvavit we serve with pickled herrings" is perhaps a phrase that betrays a journalist's instinct for catchy hyperbole, but their food tasted fresh, individual, and not over-ambitious when tried, which is a good deal more than can be said for most of the new London restaurants that pass under critical review during an average year. Celeriac rémoulade (45p—and a rather bland version) poached chicken with green sauce (£2.20) and fromage blanc with mango is an appealing kind of programme for the surfeited, and this is one pretty little restaurant which is not ashamed—indeed, which is proud—to serve different kinds of tea as well as coffee. The price for it—40p a head—might well startle Mrs Rhodes in Ashford-in-the-Water, but girls must live.

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Travel

A wish upon a star

Almost everyone I have met who has been to Miami has disliked it and has come back saying how terrible it is, how commercialized, how crude, how crass, how everything one would not want on a holiday. I don't know what happened to it when I went there as a guest of the American Express Company and British Airways, but I had *a simply marvellous time.*

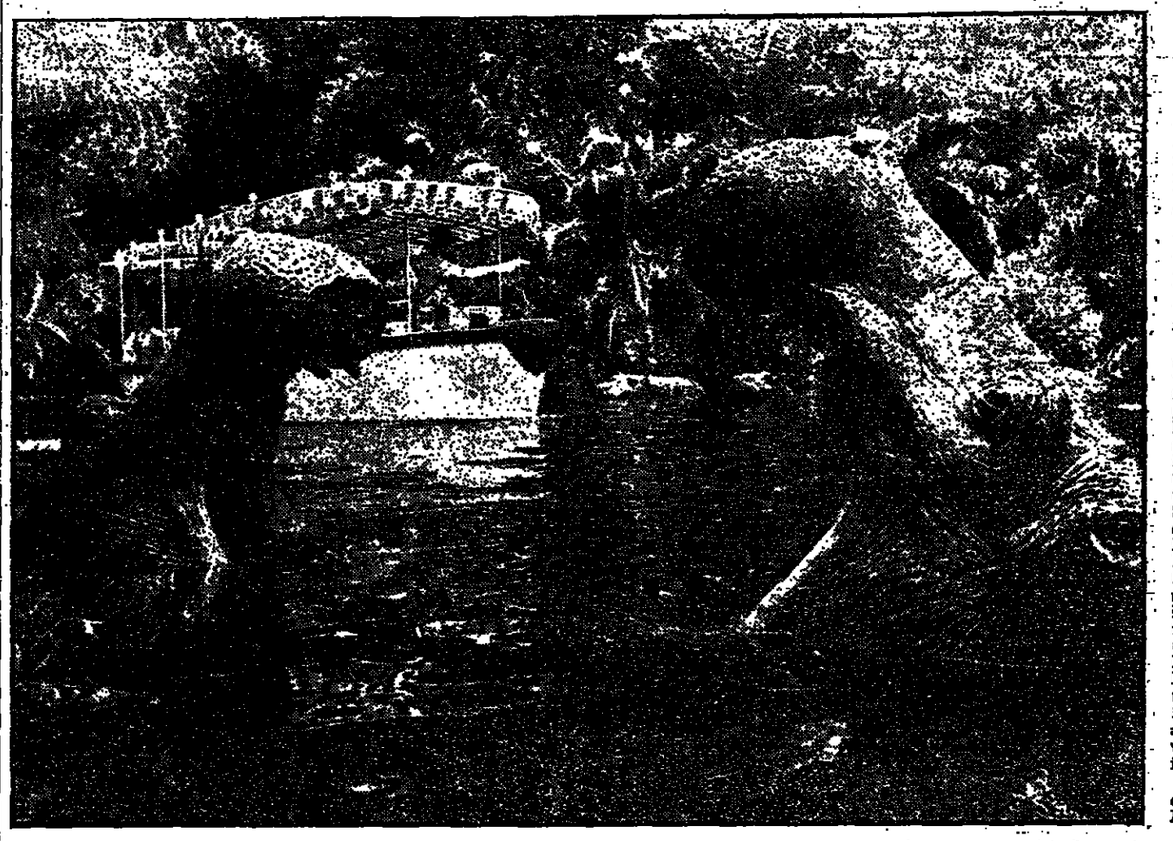
The start was not especially propitious. It had involved a "presentation" in New York where American Express explained their policy towards the travel business. "We are in the business of the purveyors of dreams." There is certainly nothing dreamlike, however, about the way the company runs its travel business. It's efficiency all the way.

The first leg of the round-Florida trip did not totally *dispel my misgivings. We went* to Disney World, which I have to confess immediately that I did not like. My colleague from the *Financial Times* wrote later: "Disney World and Disneyland embody the whole Disney image. It is one of incredible cleanliness, efficiency and inoffensiveness." I cannot quarrel with the first two—Disney World is clean, too clean *for me.*

There is none of the rumbustiousness and infectious tattiness of the old British (and I imagine American) fun fairs. Its efficiency cannot be doubted. Visitors are swept on and off monorails, ghost trains, Barbary pirate boats and the like as if they were automatons. I was strapped into a rocket for a simulated flight through space, by a girl rejoicing in the wonderful name of Ellowease, in very close proximity to a *gentleman I did not know well at all—for a ride which was* frightening, but somehow not so exhilarating as the old rollercoaster (No reflection upon the gentleman).

Later on I watched the main street electrical parade. I do not have American prose, so let me quote from the Disney World press release. "Mickey Mouse atop the world's largest electrified drum, an eye-blinking hippopotamus and 33 famous Disney characters outlined in micro-neon light-swirls highlight the new Main Street Electrical Parade now performing nightly at Walt Disney World. The sparkling cavalcade of twinkling lights—some 500,000 tiny light bulbs—animation and musical entertainment takes place twice each night. . . . New techniques of 'piping' light through fiber optics and outlining figures with micro-neon 'threads' of light are used to create entirely new visual effects along with row on row of twinkling bulbs. An electronic Moog Synthesiser produces a unique and lively musical score filled with familiar Disney songs for the half-hour parade". And so on.

But can Disney World really be described as inoffensive? True, it embodies the Walt Disney ideal, friendliness and good living. Swagger as you will into one of the many saloons and you'll get no more than a coke or another of the 'junk' drinks so popular in the United States, for Disney World is dry. Speak to one of the employees and you will find that men are not allowed to wear their hair over their collars, or to sport a moustache (didn't Disney himself have one?). Women must wear blue eyeshadow, are allowed to wear only one ring and must not dye their hair.



Jaws: two lifelike hippos greet jungle cruisers at Walt Disney World

It is arguable, too, that the development of Disney World has had a bad effect on the tourist industry in the rest of Florida. Disney World is surrounded by a phalanx of overwhelming, similar hotels. What Disney has reaped, the rest of Florida has lost. Yet Disney World is worth one visit in a lifetime, if only to know that one need not go again. The tour I was sampling started at Disney World and then moved 55 miles to River Ranch.

This dude ranch, set up entirely for tourists, was simply lovely. It brought me many firsts—I rode a horse for the first time, went on a hayride watched a rodeo and also swam and drank in the saloon, where obligingly a mild skirmish broke out (they are quite used the manager said) giving us a splendid frontier atmosphere. Tourists can swim, golf, shoot and there are all manner of activities, including fishing, boating and archery. I cannot recommend places like these more highly for families with children, of any age.

Then it was on to Miami and the Ivanhoe hotel. It's quite true, it is over-commercialized and in some ways so awful that it actually becomes tremendous fun. I had always understood that it was very difficult to swim in the sea there and that one had to stick to the pool. Well, that wasn't true. The sea was warm and lovely and the waves quite exciting without being overwhelming. The food was good, and the entertainment vast.

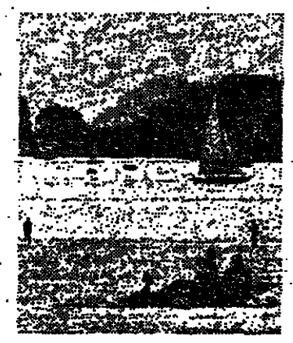
My trip lasted a week. The normal holiday offered is two weeks and it is best to go for fly and drive. There are several possibilities. One is a week on North Miami Beach followed by a week in Orlando. The week in Orlando includes admission not only to Disney World, but also to Sea World, the Kennedy Space Centre, the Cyprus Gardens and the Stars Hall of Fame, all of which are close to Disney World. Prices range from £273 to £333 with some reduction for children. Or there is a fly/drive two week holiday for anywhere in Florida with accommodation at any Quality Inn or Holiday Inn hotel. River Ranch can be included in this tour. Prices range from £256 to £323. Alternatively there are apartment holidays in Miami with a car included which cost from £279-£315.

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Chess

A very good year

This is going to be a year *memorable in the history of* chess as a time when all the world championships were decided. It is during this year *that the match between Karpov* and Korchnoi for the world championship individual title will take place. It is also the year *when Nona Gaprindashvili* will be challenged by whoever wins the Candidates series of matches for the Women's *World Championship title.* There will be, too, the so-called Chess Olympiads to decide the World Team Championships, both for men and women, and finally there is the tournament for the World Junior Championship.

As even one of these events would make the year important for world chess, it is obvious that this is a year rich in worldwide interest. As Macmillan might have said, we chess-players have never had it so good.

According to the regulations for the Men's World Championship match between Karpov and Korchnoi, the match should start around July 15, this being six months since the time the challenger for the world title became known. Bids for the *organization of the match have* to be received by the FIDE Secretariat in Amsterdam before noon on February 16 and *the FIDE president*, Professor Euwe, will open the envelopes containing the bids publicly at Amsterdam on that date at noon. The name of the organizer and the exact date of the match will be announced by the FIDE president not later than March 16.

So much for the official dates but of course there is very much more that is already known about the match which has, in its way, as much interest as the historic match at Reykjavik in 1972 between *Fischer and Spassky.*

Each side is limited to two official seconds. Korchnoi, well satisfied with the team that has seen him through the Candidates series, is keeping to the English grandmasters, Keene and Stean. Karpov has already indicated that Furman will be his second but has not mentioned anyone else—possibly the second second could be Geller.

After the gruelling experience the Yugoslav arbiter, Kazic, had at Belgrade during the Korchnoi-Spassky match one imagines it might be difficult to secure a chief arbiter for the World Championship match. Whosoever is chosen for the task and is so bold as to take it on must either have iron nerves or else be possessed of almost inhuman insensibility. There are more of those in the latter category than in the former among the list of FIDE arbiters.

Of organizers there should be *no scarcity. Despite the heavy* cost of such an undertaking, despite the fact that the commitment is open-ended in the sense that the winner is the player who first wins six games, draws not counting, which means that the match could go on till one of the *players drops dead, or till the* undefeated defects, round about the turn of the century no doubt, despite the heavy political overtones and the distinct possibility of "sporting" troubles, the rewards are so great both from the monetary point of view and from the publicity angle, that I would not be surprised if at least half a dozen bids were made.

We know that Hamburg is prepared to make a bid of four million Deutsche marks (about £1m) and that both Lucerne in Switzerland and Reykjavik in Iceland are bidding. We know too that the BBC would dearly like to have it in London providing a sponsor prepared to put up half a million pounds can be found. There are also countries like France and Italy and The Netherlands, all of whom held Candidates matches. I am sure that they are all prepared, if necessary, to lose money on the transaction but I am equally sure that there will be a profit for whichever organization is entrusted with the contest.

Who will win the match? Well, just look at my previous articles. I have not changed my *mind even though I am* willing to concede that a further examination of his match games reveals the challenger as *stronger than* I had originally deemed him to be.

For the Women's World Championship I believe that the present title-holder, Nona Gaprindashvili, will be too strong for whoever wins the final match in the Women's Candidates. That match, between the title-holder and the winner of the match between the Georgian Chiburdanidze and the Israeli Kushnir, is supposed to start in the first half of August.

The Men's Olympiad will start on October 25 in the Argentine and the Women's Olympiad, though starting later, will finish at the same time as the men's. In both cases, despite notable defections, I can see no other winner than the USSR. The distance from Europe is going to provide many of the European teams with headaches in raising travelling expenses and I know *that the British Chess Federation*, for one, faces considerable problems in that direction.

The fourth event is the *World Junior Championship* which is due to be held at Graz in Austria from September 4-19. Here there seems to be no *sure winner and it would be a* wise man, or a foolhardy chartist, who would be able to pick the victor.

At the moment, a play-off match for the Soviet Championship is taking place at the Central House of the Soviet Army in Moscow. It is a sign of the enormous reserves in strength of the Soviet Chess Federation that this play-off is between two comparatively unknown players. I give the second game of that match.

White: I. Dorfman. Black: B. Gulko. Ruy Lopez.

1	P-K4	P-K4	4	O-O	O-O
2	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	5	P-Q4	B-Kt5
3	B-Kt5	B-B4	7	B-Kt5	P-KR3
4	P-B3	Kt-B3	8	B-KR4	

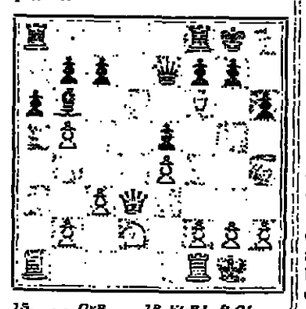
Liquidation of the position by 8. BxKKt QxB; 9, BxKt, QxB; 10, KtxP, QxKP; 11, Kt-Q2, Q-B4; leaves nothing for White and is even berter for Black owing to the two Bishops.

8. . . . P-Q3 9 Q-Q5

If 9. BxQKt, PxB; 10, PxP, PxP; 11. QxQ, RxQ; 12, KtxP, P-Kt4; 13. B-Kt3, KtxP; 14, Kt xQBP, B-R3; 15, KtxR, RxKt; 16. R-K1, P-KB4 and Black has the upper hand.

9.		Q-K2	13	Kt-Kt1	PxKt
10	QKt-Q2	B-Q2	14	BxKt	BxB
11	P-QR4	P-QR3	15	PxB	
12	PxP	QKtxP			

This lively interchange needs a close examination to prove *which side, if any, has erred.* Here the Soviet chess weekly '64' recommends 15. BxQ, BxQ; 16. BxR, BxR; 17. BxP, BxP; 18. BxKP, R-Q1; 19. B-B4, B-R6; 20. BxRP, K-R2; 21. B-B4, and says Black has insufficient compensation for the lost pawns.



15.			18	Kt-B4	R-Q1
16	PxP	BxP	19	Q-K2	Q-R5
17	RxR	PxR			

All up to here as in the game L. Stein-van Geet, Hamburg 1965 and now White continued: 20. P-KKt3, P-KB3; 21. R-R1, B-R2; 22. K-Kt2, Q-QB3; 22. Kt-R5, Q-QKt3; 24. P-QKt4, K-R2; 25. R-R2, R-Q2; 26. Kt-B4, Q-K3; 27. R-R5, P-QB4; 28. P-Kt5, PxP; 29. RxP with considerable advantage owing to the poorly placed Bishop.

20	P-KR3	P-R5	22 P-KR4
21	R-R1	B-R2	

Waste of time; better seems 22. Kt-R5 at ouce.

22		P-KR4	25	K-Kt2	K-Kt2
23	Kt-R5	Q-Kt5	26	R-R2	
24	P-Kt3	P-Kt5			

And better here was 26. P-QKt4.

26		R-Q2	28	R-Kt5	R-Q1
27	Kt-B4	Q-B3	29	P-Kt5	

'64' recommends as better the manoeuvre 29. Kt-R3, R-Q3; 30. Kt-B2, Q-Kt3; 31. P-QKt4.

29	. . .	K-B2	33	R-R1	R-Kt3
30	R-R3	Q-K2	34	R-R5	K-Kt2
31	R-Kt4	Q-B3	35	R-R7	Q-KB2
32	Q-B3	B-KK5	36	R-R4	

This pawn exchange cannot be good; correct was 36. P-QKt4.

36		QxKtP	39	R-Kt6	R-B2
37	RxP	R-Kt1	40	Q-Q3	
38	Kt-R5	Q-Kt1			

A mistake that overlooks Black's reply. Instead he should have played 40. Kt-B6, Q-QB1; 41. R-K7 with a probable draw.

40	. . .	Q-Kt7	45	K-K2	R-Kt7
41	Q-B1	Q-B7	46	R-B2	R-B8
42	R-R5	B-B4	47	Kt-B7	Q-B6
43	Kt-B6	R-Q2	48	Q-Kt3	Q-BP
44	Kt-Kt4	QxKP ch	White resigns.		

Harry Golombek

Bridge

The growth of contract

In reading an article in an early American magazine on the birth and development of Contract, I was not surprised to find the suggestion that British (not to mention French) players knew nothing about accurate bidding until systems were introduced from America. We were supposed to have played Auction without any regular method and to have no idea of how our hands should be valued.

As a survivor from Auction, which I have always considered a far more difficult game to master than Contract, I must protest against such a wild assertion. A player's weakness was most readily detected in *his play of the cards, pricipally* because the leading writers were poor performers at the table. I recall one Major Browning who contributed a regular article to the Weekly Sketch, answering a complaining partner by saying: "Well, I had to guess something."

Bidding at Contract was not vastly different from Auction until the arrival of approach systems, although the rubber was more quickly completed in the earlier game. Standard bids were recognized, but anyone was allowed to introduce an original bid of his own as long as he announced his quirk of fancy before the first deal was completed. A tubby little stockbroker named Morris Jonas used to say to his partner, long before anyone had heard of Stayman or his convention: "Do you mind testing one of my foibles. When I have a singleton or a void opposite your No Trump opening, I shall bid Two Clubs to warn you. This will not mean that I wish to play in Clubs but to give you a chance to *show your best suit. I can* then leave you in it or put you back to No Trumps." This was not the first convention which came my way.

Four-card majors were not regularly opened unless the suit contained four honours, when their value could contribute handsomely to the final score. The weakest bid was One Club which would occasionally be opened on as few as 11/12 points, but rarely seems to have proved expensive. The most dangerous convention, which is used at the present day, was the weak preemptive opening, but I cannot recall any successes with it until the principle of vulnerability had been introduced.

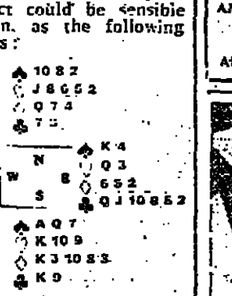
One of my opponents went *down 500 (more than the value* of a rubber) after opening Three Diamonds on seven to the queen and a "bust". She excused herself to her partner who was speechless by saying: "I had to bid Three because I had not a trick in my hand." Later in the rubber her partner opened with a similar three bid and ironically remarked at the end of the deal: "I thought that I could not bid less than three because I was trickless." Even without these *little incidents* the weak pre-emption has invariably proved to be the most expensive of all bids at rubber bridge. On the other hand, the opening Two bid on a long suit with one or, at the most, two tricks on the side never seems to have been severely punished. It was not that players did not know how to value their hands, but that they valued them inconsistently in relation to the score.

Sometimes, bidding followed a seemingly illogical course, especially after a double for penalties. North South 30, East-West 20: dealer South. Bidding has proceeded

South	West	North	East
1 No trump	Double	No	2 No trumbs
No	No	No	

You might imagine that East should have left his partner's double if he were strong enough to bid Two No Trumps, holding a hand such as ♠K4 ♡Q3 ♢652 ♣QJ10852. As the opening lead in defence was all-important, it sometimes proved more rewarding to bid higher in No Trumps than to leave the opponent to escape from trouble.

If West could recognize his partner's long suit and find the opening lead it was clearly best for them to play for a penalty, but if East were worried that his partner might attack the declarer's strong suit and lead, say, a spade from ♠J9653 which could not be established in one round, East might be wise to bid Two No Trumps with little likelihood of making the contract. If West had doubled with a five-card suit and three aces and his partner held eight points and a six-card suit, a tactic which became illogical at contract could be sensible at Auction, as the following deal shows:



	♠ 10 8 2		
	♡ J 8 6 5 2		
	♢ Q 7 4		
	♣ 7 5		
♠ J 9 6 5 3			♠ K 4
♡ A 7 4	N		♡ Q 3
♢ A 9	W E		♢ 6 5 2
♣ A 6 4	S		♣ Q J 10 8 5 2
	♠ A Q 7		
	♡ K 10 9		
	♢ K J 10 8 3		
	♣ K 9		

It remains to consider the bluff, or psychic, bid which was an unusual venture at Auction but later became systematized in Contract. It has produced so many accusations of sharp practice, that it should never be permitted when there is any delay during the course of the auction. I found the following deal from a rubber at a well-known club in New York to offer unusual interest which could not have been provided at Auction scoring.

North, South game; dealer West.

	♠ A J 10 4 3		
	♡ A 5 4		
	♢ 10 4		
	♣ Q J 10		
♠ 7 6 5			♠ K Q 9 8
♡ K J 10 8 2	N		♡ 9
♢ 8 6	W E		♢ Q 3 2
♣ 9 7 3	S		♣ A 8 6 5
	♠ —		
	♡ Q 7 6 3		
	♢ A K J 9 7 5		
	♣ K 4 2		

West	North	East	South
1 Heart	2 Spade	Double	No
No	No		

There would have been no problem at Auction; because South has an easy take-out into One No Trump which may produce game and rubber. North justified his pass of One Spade doubled by making an overtrick and then realized that he had been deprived by West's opening psychic of a game in No Trumps. South could have exposed the deception by making a strong bid such as Three Diamonds; but a minimum take-out into Two Diamonds would scarcely have produced a game, and Two No Trumps with a void in partner's suit and poor protection in Hearts looks unsatisfactory although it is the most constructive effort that South dare make. It continually surprises me that better employment is not made at rubber bridge of an opening psychic of this nature.

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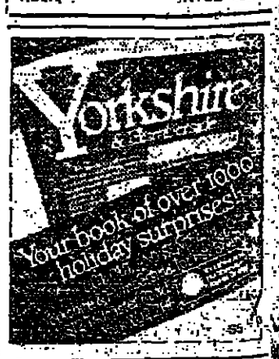
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Collecting

The golden age of caricature

ould seem that the most nal—and cruel—caricatures produced in the earliest s of comparative freedom pression in a country. In nany the most fertile d was probably during the nar Republic, in France g the reign of Louis ppe. In Britain there was emarkable flowering be- n about 1780 and 1820. In milar vein, the satire of t Was the Week, That ", which marked the begin- of the permissive society, rarely, if ever, been lled since on British tele- n.

oradically throughout his r Hogarth had produced ly political prints. More rtant, perhaps, than the s themselves was the de- tration to the following ation of how apt a tool the mass-produced print he social or political cari- ist. It is probable that Robert Walpole hoped to oy Hogarth as a propa- st in the 1720s; from the a partisan caricaturist part of every leading poli- i's encourage.

ese men were not neces- professional artists, such aul Sandby, who tilted st Hogarth himself, or the known of them, Gillray Rowlandson. To be able raw was a recognized aplishment of a gentleman, many amateurs joined in port with relish. The first uess Townshend, a Field hal and a highly skilled and ink caricaturist, may ave descended to the vul- r of the printshop, but others, like the colonel country gentleman Henry im Bunbury or the City esman John Nixon, felt such inhibitions. Even i's reverend brother rt tried his hand at etch-

professional in this field nuch of his career was t Dighton, who was born 52 and died in 1814. His is certainly not of the standard of that of Row- on and Gillray, but on the hand it is by no means as as some critics would have elieve. The late Iolo ams, for instance, one of ost sensitive collectors of sh watercolours, dismisses as: "very crude and ely as a comic water- rist, except, perhaps in backgrounds, though his d caricatures of individual e, lawyers, dons and so show a sense of character re decorative".

was certainly better ht of in his own day. Ten after his death the *Somer- louse Gazette* noticed him a "painter, engraver, ian and player, once r with old loyalty, s Dibdin, in the *Pata- Fanticini*, did a nd comical cuts, which corded in the volumes of mour of these days, and ill be had, for money or ills, I wot, at Bowles and 's, by St Paul's, and at ccessor to old Mr Sayer, plain or coloured in all udy tints of the peacock paroquet."

all its purple prose, this e contains two points of st to any biographer of n. Firstly, it is one of ew references to his ary career as an actor, appearing in the *Remi-*



Detail from
'An English Man o' War
taking
a French Privateer'
by
Robert Dighton

niscences of Thomas Dibdin. During the 1790s he performed fairly regularly at Sadler's Wells, often in the productions of the Dibdin family. In 1797, indeed, he engraved a portrait of himself "in the character of a Muffin Man". It is probable that he also painted scenery for the theatre, and he certainly produced many theatrical portraits.

Secondly, the mention of Bowles and Carver puts one in mind of one of Dighton's most accomplished social satires "A Windy Day—Scene outside the Shop of Bowles, the Printseller, in St Paul's Churchyard", in which passers by are having great trouble with their hats and wigs. The watercolour is in the Victoria and Albert Museum. Henry Carington Bowles who died in 1793 was in fact the publisher of many of Dighton's earlier prints, and was a considerable figure in the art world of the time. Dighton published his later work himself, running a family business with his sons.

On February 23 Sotheby's will be holding a sale devoted almost entirely to watercolours by Dighton, 97 lots from an album which descended in the Bowles family until 1953 when it was sold for £720. These are largely the original drawings for prints published by Bowles between about 1780 and 1792, and they are mainly social, rather than political satires, although on occasions the two are mixed, as with electioneering subjects, or two drawings of the attempted assassination of George III by the mad woman Margaret Nicholson in 1787.

For the most part the satire is gentle, showing the foibles and antics of ordinary Londoners, tailors quarrelling, citizens enjoying themselves at Bagnigge Wells, near King's Cross, a cobbler reading the news to his less educated friends, the dangers of women drivers, sailors ashore engaged in their traditional pursuits—"An English Man o' War taking a French Privateer". There are also echoes of the mixed reception given to the first refugees from the French Revolution, and an illustration of the manoeuvres which gave rise to the lampoon on "The Grand Old Duke of York".

At times, however, there is a more serious note, as in several drawings contrasting the lot of a rich and a poor clergyman. Doctors and dentists come in for sharp and well deserved comment, for this was the great age of the quack, and the legal profession is particularly attacked. "A Sharp between two Flats"—a lawyer with two litigants—is subtitled "A Pearly Shell for him and thee, the Oyster is the Lawyer's Fee", and other drawings show "A Bailiff and an Attorney—A Match for the Devil" and the Devil distributing briefs on "The First Day of Term".

Naturally there are also literary and theatrical subjects, the former including illustrations to "Tristram Shandy" and "John Gilpin", and the latter a portrait of Charles Dibdin, and "The Pit Door" in which a mob is jostling to gain admittance to Mrs Siddons' Royal Command Performance as Euphrasia in Murphy's "The Grecian Daughters". Finally there is a section of hunting and shooting subjects.

By about 1800, Dighton's sons were of an age to help him in the business of printing and publishing, and all four became proficient artists to a greater or lesser extent. The eldest, a second Robert, showed considerable promise as a caricaturist, but became a professional soldier. He fought in the Peninsula, being wounded at Bayonne in 1814, and later served in India. Denis was also commissioned, but resigned on marrying in 1815, becoming Military Painter in Water Colours to the Prince Regent. He often based his work on sketches by his elder brother and was, in many ways, the most talented of the family. Richard began as an etcher of single figures in the later manner of his father, but later in the century turned to repetitive small profile portraits, usually of wealthy patrons of the turf. A fourth brother, Joshua, whose career is obscure, seems to have worked in much the same style as Richard.

The last years of Dighton's life were by no means untroubled. In 1806 it was found that since 1794 he had stolen a number of prints, including some by Rembrandt, from the British Museum, substituting his own drawings. The thefts were discovered when he attempted to sell a Rembrandt, and the prospective purchaser went to the Museum to compare the two. Dighton himself does not appear to have been prosecuted, but the official who had given him access—in exchange for portraits of himself and his daughter—was penalized. In 1808 Dighton made several prints in Oxford, using the pseudonym Tom Quiz, perhaps because of the adverse publicity, but in 1810, the year of his last prints, he seems to have been returning to favour, for he produced a portrait of the King at Windsor.

Even then his troubles were not over. There appears to have been a family quarrel, for his will, proved in June 1814, describes his daughter Sarah as his "natural and lawful" daughter and only next of kin", ignoring all four sons.

Huon Mallalieu

Gardening

Fragrant delights

in plants and the ability erwise of humans to dis- cent are curious pheno- Plants presumably have ped scent to attract or y to repel animals, or to insects with the object uring pollination. What nell horrid to us, like ower of the American cabbage *Lysichiton mus*, although attractive visually, may smell like Cologne to the insect linates it.

e, however, are matters e concern to the naturalist to the gardener. Of interest probably is the at one person in five, so I am told, cannot smell freesias. Yet they have a most powerful scent especially on a warm sunny morning.

Years ago when I visited the vast glasshouses of Konyneburg and Mark in Holland where they were growing acres of freesias, you could smell the sweet scent a quarter of a mile down the road.

Then I know a married couple where the husband cannot smell a certain rose variety, and his wife can, while the converse applies to another variety—the names of which I forget now.

Then anyone who has driven up the coast of Corsica in a boat on a warm August night will know how powerful is the smell of the "maquis" provided mainly, I believe, by the resinous exudations of the leaves of the native cistus species.

Then too some flowers are more highly scented at certain times of the day—evening primrose, tobacco plants and night scented stock are at their best in the evening. Jasmine and honeysuckle also smell sweeter at night.

Leaving aside the question of why so many plants have leaves that are aromatic when handled or bruised, many are delightful to have in the garden. Culinary herbs from the bay tree down to the humble thyme are well enough known but there are other interesting plants with highly aromatic foliage. Among the geraniums, more correctly pelargoniums, there are many with highly aromatic leaves which when crushed smell of lemon, turpentine, roses, orange, nutmeg, ginger, peppermint and several more.

And of course, the ivy-leaved geranium not only has leaves shaped like ivy—they smell like ivy too. I have often wondered what is nature's psychology, if one can coin a phrase, behind this curious coincidence.

It is also noticeable that many spring flowers are sweetly scented—hyacinths, some daffodils, wallflowers, *Iris reticulata, Daphne odora, D. mezereum* and hamamelis to name a few.

Perhaps because the summer flowers are more gorgeously coloured and rely on this to attract their pollinating insects, many have little or no scent. Some paeonies have scent but the good old double red form of *Paeonia officinalis* has, to me, an unpleasant smell.

Curiously, while most Asiatic lilies are endowed with an almost overpowering scent, the European *Lilium pyrenaicum* has a definitely unpleasant smell.

Some of the early summer flowering trees and shrubs have sweet fragrance—*Wisteria venusta*, far more powerfully scented than *W. sinensis*, laburnum, lilacs, philadelphus or mock orange, various brooms and *Acacia dealbata* are all desirable for their fragrance. I should, of course, add a word of warning about the yellow mimosa *Acacia dealbata*. It is not fully hardy and in a really severe winter such as that of 1962-63, even in the south and even against a south-facing wall, it can be cut to the ground by prolonged frost. There is, however, a free-standing specimen near my old home in Surrey which is now nearly 10ft high and is a superb sight each spring.

If you have a greenhouse then there are more scented flowers to enjoy. Although its tiny brown flowers are inconspicuous, the scent of *Boronia megastigma* is superb. One plant will scent a whole greenhouse or conservatory. So, too, will a plant of that greenhouse climber *Jasminum polyanthum*, the white-flowered jasmine, that in a season or two will fill the back wall of your greenhouse with white blossoms in winter to early spring. It can, of course, be grown in a large pot and trained round a framework of bamboo canes to be brought into the house when in full flower. The tuberose *Poliumthes tuberosa* which was so beloved of my mother's generation is unfortunately not quite hardy and needs the protection of a cold greenhouse or better still a heated house where it will produce its richly scented white flowers in almost any month of the year. My daughter had some of its flowers in her wedding bouquet in April.

The cherry pie, or heliotrope is another richly scented plant for the greenhouse, or for planting out in summer.

Of flowers from seed we have stocks and mignonette as the prime examples and, of course, sweet peas—which, although not so powerfully scented as their earliest progenitors, are nevertheless endowed with considerable fragrance, some varieties more than others. If you want to have a truly magnificent bowl of sweet peas which will scent your room, this is easy to do. Sow a packet of Unwin's "Super Scented Old Fashioned" sweet peas or Suttons "Old Fashioned Scented" mixture along with your selection of the large-flowered modern varieties. Mix a few of these smaller flowers in with the large modern blooms and you get the best of both worlds.

In the last few years I have grown only the rich colours of sweet peas, the carmine, red, orange, maroon and dark blue varieties, leaving out all the wishy-washy pinks, blues, cream and white varieties. A bowl of these really rich colours always draws admiring comments from visitors.

There was a time when in Covent Garden market you could see hundreds of pots of mignonette just coming into flower. Maybe they still sell mignonette in pots—I saw some in a florists in Paris last year.

It is a good idea to sow a few seeds of mignonette in small pots so that you can bring them indoors just as the plants are coming into flower.

Just as it is worthwhile sitting down and turning over in our mind what plants we might usefully add to the garden to provide more cut flowers or autumn colour, it is perhaps, also a good idea to keep scent in mind and to consciously look for fragrant plants.

It is often said that modern roses, like modern sweet peas, have no scent. This is not true, some have, some have not, and some have some scent. There are enough modern roses with generous scent to provide a large enough collection to fill any moderately sized garden. Certainly, scented floribunda roses are thinner on the ground than hybrid teas, but there are at least 60 hybrid tea roses and a score or more of scented floribundas. So a rose garden or even a modest rose bed or border can give you many bowls of fragrant roses.

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Pay guidelines: company tells of 'threats'

Holliday Hall & Co Ltd v Chapple and Others

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ormrod and Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane

When the Court of Appeal was asked to grant an interim injunction to stop a selective national strike to begin this (Friday) evening by members of the Electrical, Electronic Telecommunications and Plumbing Union (EETPU), Lord Justice Ormrod remarked that though it might be a most persuasive instrument, there was nothing more likely to stoke up the embers and set off all sorts of explosions than an interim injunction granted against a trade union which was proposing strike action.

The court was hearing an ex parte application by Holliday Hall & Co Ltd, electrical employers, for an interim injunction, refused yesterday (Thursday) by Mr Justice Peter Pain, to restrain Mr Frank Chapple, the union's general secretary, and the executive council members from instructing, procuring or inducing any person in the company's employment to break his or her contract of employment with the company.

Their Lordships said that the application should be renewed on Monday morning. They would like to hear what the union and the Department of Employment had to say about the matter. It was hoped that both the union and the department would attend on Monday.

Mr Christopher Clarke, for the company, said that notice had been given to Mr Chapple and the EC members about the hearings, but they had not appeared.

Two important questions arose on the application; first, whether the defendants had the defence of "trade dispute" under the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, and, secondly, the relevance of "threats" made by the Department of Employment that sanctions might be imposed on the company if it implemented a pay settlement which the department had originally approved but now said would be contrary to the Phase 3 pay policy. That policy had no statutory force.

The company had some 2,000 hourly paid employees throughout Great Britain, most being members of the EETPU, which had exclusive bargaining rights. Their terms and conditions of employment were settled by the joint industrial board, of which the union and the Electrical Contractors' Association, an employers' association, were members.

A draft agreement was reached in November, 1977, subject to the department's approval to ensure that it did not conflict with the Government's pay policy. There was to be an increase in the basic wage rate and the introduction of a financial incentive scheme throughout the industry. There was also to be a fall-back rate—an amount payable to four categories of employees—to apply in cases where the employer did not introduce an incentive scheme or where the application of such a scheme did not produce the same amount as the fall-back rate.

On December 6 the department approved the scheme subject to two assurances being given by the joint industrial board—that the fall-back rate should be taken into account in determining whether or not the overall settlement was within the pay guidelines and that the incentive schemes would be self-financing. But on December 22 the department required the industry not to give effect to the settlement so far as it related to the fall-back rate because it was asserted that the settlement was contrary to the pay policy; and the department threatened, though in courteous terms, that if that fall-back part of the settlement was implemented the company would be in jeopardy of discriminatory sanctions referred to in the White Paper [*The Attack on Inflation after July 31, 1977*]. It had no statutory force but it had great coercive force for a company which received 75 per cent of its business from government or government-related bodies.

After those threats, the company had been paying its employees the amount determined less the fall-back rate, which it had an obligation to pay. As a result there had been some unofficial action by employees. The union said that the company was in breach of contract, and union members in Hollidays and two other companies were instructed to come out on official strike on Friday night.

The Master of the Rolls: You would like to pay these fall-back moneys?

Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane: You are in breach of contract with the members though it may be under duress?

Counsel said that the union was threatening to induce a breach of the contracts of employment between the company and the members. The hurdle the company had to get over was whether it was a trade dispute.

The Master of the Rolls: In a way there is no dispute between you and the union?

Counsel agreed. The company had invited the union to take it before the court and would be delighted to have a judgment against it: for then it could claim against the department a declaration that in threatening coercive action against them it was misusing its powers and attempting to induce a breach of contract between the company and its employees.

The Master of the Rolls: I am wondering whether if an injunction were granted it would be obeyed.

At the invitation of Lord Justice Ormrod, counsel read the department's "threat". It concluded: "I must ask you not to implement the new bonuses (fall-back) under the agreed arrangements since those companies which paid them would place themselves in jeopardy of the discretionary measures available to the Government".

The Master of the Rolls: In other words, it means that they would not break existing contracts but would not make any new ones with your company? Would it come within intimidation under *Rookes v Barnard* ([1964] AC 1129)?

Counsel said that it might do so.

The Master of the Rolls: If you get an injunction the union will come and tell us what the position is.

Lord Justice Ormrod: You know as well as we do that there is no more persuasive instrument than an injunction. It occurs to me that it might be wise to defer the matter until Monday and invite the union and the department to appear.

After their Lordships had conferred, the Master of the Rolls said that the application should be renewed on Monday morning.

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines.

Good accounting method inappropriate for tax

Willingale (Inspector of Taxes) v International Commercial Bank Ltd

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Salmon, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Russell of Killowen and Lord Keith of Kinkel

[Speeches delivered February 2]

The House of Lords (Lord Diplock and Lord Russell dissenting) applied the general principle of income tax law that profits are not to be taxed until they are realized when they dismissed an appeal by the Crown from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Ormrod and Sir John Pennycuick, Lord Justice Stamp dissenting) (*The Times*, March 16, 1977; [1977] Ch 78), which had held in favour of the International Commercial Bank Ltd that revenue assessments to corporation tax made by reference to the bank's approved method of preparing its accounts were incorrect, because they conflicted with the principle of income tax law that profits might not be anticipated, and therefore that those accounts could not be used for purposes of corporation tax.

The general commissioners had also allowed the taxpayer bank's appeal from the assessments and Mr Justice Walton (*The Times* March 13, 1976; [1976] 1 WLR 657) had upheld the commissioners' decision.

Mr Michael Nolan, QC and Mr Brian Davenport for the Crown; Mr F. Heyworth Talbot, QC, and Mr J. R. Gardiner for the taxpayer bank.

LORD DIPLOCK said that he would have allowed the appeal for the reasons given by Lord Justice Stamp in the Court of Appeal and those to be given by Lord Russell. The question seemed to his Lordship to turn on whether, in its commercial nature, the transaction entered into by the bank was a loan of money repayable by a larger sum at a future date, or whether it was the acquisition of an asset similar to any chattel. His Lordship thought it was the former: the bank's accountants treated it as such.

LORD SALMON delivered a speech concurring in dismissing the appeal.

LORD FRASER said that the question was how gains accruing to the bank from the discounting and purchase of bills and notes in the course of business should be taken into account in computing its profits for purposes of corporation tax. The bank's accounts prepared for commercial purposes took account of such gains by bringing into the profit and loss account for each year a proportionate part of the difference between the price paid for each bill and its value at maturity. But the bank maintained that accounts prepared in that way conflicted with the principle of income tax law that profits might not be anticipated, and therefore that they could not be used for purposes of corporation tax.

The bank was incorporated in 1967 by a consortium of five major banks in different countries, the British member being the National Westminster Bank. It was formed to provide medium-term finance in world markets to commercial companies by way of loans running for between two and seven years, later extended to 10 years. The appeal related to the period from July 30, 1967, to December 31, 1967, and the years ended respectively December 31, 1968, 1969 and 1970. Tax fell to be charged under Case 1 of Schedule D, and for the latest of the years in question the relevant provision was in section 108 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970: "1. Tax under this Schedule shall be charged in respect of — (a) the annual profits or gains arising or accruing . . . (ii) to any person residing in the United Kingdom from any trade, profession or vocation. . . ." The corresponding provision for the earlier years was in section 122 of the Income Tax Act 1952.

Part of the bank's business consisted of discounting or purchasing bills or notes or similar obligations issued by borrowers all over the world. The bills were often issued in sets of six to 12. Some carried interest at fixed rates, others none. The bank in preparing its annual accounts followed the accounting practice usually adopted by clearing banks in relation to bills and notes, with the approval of the eminent firm of chartered accountants who were its auditors. The practice was to divide the total discount applicable to each bill or note by the number of days to which the discount related. The appropriate number of days' discount was then taken into the annual profit and loss account as part of the receipts or earnings for each year. In that way the amount of the discount was treated as accruing at an even rate over the whole period during which the bank held the note. If, as sometimes happened, it sold a note before maturity, the bank would bring into its accounts for the year in which the bill was sold the difference between the discounted value of the note at the beginning of that year and the sale price. The amounts thus taken into account had been referred to as "accrued discount" or "earned discount", but those were no more than convenient shorthand expressions and obviously not accurate, for discount, unlike interest, did not accrue and was not earned.

It was well established that "the question of what is or is not profit or gain must primarily be one of fact . . . ascertained by the tests applied in ordinary business": *Sun Insurance Office v Clark* ([1912] AC 443, 455 per Viscount Haldane). But that general rule was subject to the exception that where ordinary commercial principles ran counter to the principles of income tax they must yield to the latter when computing profits or gains for tax purposes. The bank maintained that the "cardinal principle that profit shall not be taxed until realized" would be contravened if it were compelled to pay corporation tax on the basis of its accounts prepared for commercial purposes.

Mr Nolan, for the Crown, relied on the general rule that the principles of commercial accounting should normally prevail. But that rule did not assist his argument, because the method in which the bank's accounts were drawn up was not the only method that would accord with sound principles of commercial accounting. The effect of the auditors' evidence to the commissioners was that if the bank's commercial accounts had been prepared in a manner so as to exclude so-called accrued discount—in the manner that would accord with what the bank maintained were the principles of income tax law—that would not have been in accordance with customary clearing bank procedure. But because the business of the bank differed materially from that of a conventional clearing bank the auditors would have signed their report on the accounts so prepared without qualification, "provided that the procedure followed had been fully explained in those accounts."

That meant that accounts which excluded "accrued discount" would have given a "true and fair view" of the state of the bank's business and would be just as satisfactory for commercial purposes as the accounts that were in fact prepared. The reason for including an express explanation would have been not that the procedure was less acceptable than that actually used, but only that it differed from that used by the clearing banks.

The solution to the problem depended on the true nature of what the bank was doing when it discounted or purchased a bill. In his Lordship's view it was acquiring an asset and, so long as it continued to hold that asset, it did not, and could not, realise any profit or loss in respect of it. If the bank took credit for any "accrued discount" while still holding the bill, it was therefore anticipating a profit not yet realized. If the bills were ordinary commodities, that would be the position, and his Lordship could not see that it made any difference for that purpose that the bills were for fixed sums of money. Of course, the fact that the money value at maturity was fixed meant that the bank could ascertain in advance the profit it would make if a bill was held to maturity. But it also sold bills before maturity. In such cases the realized profit would be unlikely to be exactly the same as the profit expected on maturity and the sale might even be at a loss. Even where bills were held to maturity a substantial number of them were in currencies other than sterling and fluctuations in the foreign exchange rates would thus affect the sterling value and the profit on maturity of such bills.

Lord Justice Stamp had reached his conclusion in favour of the Crown by accepting the submission "that there is no distinction in principle between earning interest and earning discount". His Lordship could not agree. In his opinion there was an essential difference between interest and discount, so much so that to speak of "earning" discount seemed wrong. Interest accrued from day to day or at other fixed intervals but discount did not. His Lordship agreed with the conclusion of Mr. Justice Walton that when the bank brought part of the "accrued discount" into its accounts during the currency of a bill it was anticipating a profit which had not yet been realized. That view did not involve any departure from an earnings basis in favour of a cash basis of accounting. The repayment value of each bill would be brought into its accounts at the date on which it was due for repayment, and not at the date at which it was actually repaid if that was later than the due date.

His Lordship was of opinion that the bank's accounts prepared for commercial purposes were drawn up on the principle of anticipating future profits from its holding of bills and notes. There were no doubt excellent commercial reasons for preparing the accounts in that way. As Mr. Justice Walton had said ([1976] 1 WLR 657, 663) they "are much better economic indicators than corporation tax accounts would be as to whether a bank is or is not doing what it ought to be doing; that is to say, steadily making an economic profit for its shareholders". But they were not a proper basis for assessing the bank's liability to corporation tax. His Lordship would dismiss the Crown's appeal.

LORD RUSSELL, in a dissenting speech, said that on his analysis of the problem, the compound interest which was the content of the "discount" on a bill was not anticipated by being brought in as an annual profit or gain in respect of its periods of accrual. That applied equally whether the bill or note was acquired from the original acceptor or by subsequent purchase: the reason was that the difference between the face value of the bill and the cost of acquisition inevitably represented as a commercial matter compound interest. His Lordship believed that his reasons for dissenting were those which had led Lord Justice Stamp to dissent.

But for one matter, therefore, his Lordship would allow the appeal and remit the matter to the commissioners for decision on the basis of the bank's accounts. That matter was that the bank advanced an alternative contention that the bills or notes should be regarded as stock in trade. But that question was not ruled on by the commissioners and it would have to be remitted to them. However, since the majority of their Lordships were for dismissing the appeal, the question did not arise.

Lord Keith delivered a speech concurring in dismissing the appeal.

Solicitors: Solicitor of the Inland Revenue; Travers Smith, Braithwaite & Co.

Woman who took part in strike unfairly dismissed

Stock v Frank Jones (Tipton) Ltd

Before Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton and Lord Scarman

[Speeches delivered February 2]

A woman employee who took part in a strike for union recognition and was dismissed after two other employees who had also taken part in the strike had returned to work and had not been dismissed, was held by the House of Lords to be entitled to compensation for unfair dismissal. That accorded with the clear words of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974, Schedule 1, paragraph 8(2)(a), which expressed Parliament's intention to avoid victimization.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by employers, Frank Jones (Tipton) Ltd, curtain manufacturers, of Wolverhampton, from the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Waller) (*The Times*, February 3, 1977; [1977] 1 WLR 1288), which had upheld Mr Justice Phillips's judgment that the dismissal of Miss C. Stock was unfair and that she was entitled to compensation under the Act.

Mr Richard Yorke, QC, and Mr John Fletcher for the employers; Mr James Mitchell and Mr Andrew Hillier for Miss Stock.

VISCOUNT DILHORNE said that in November, 1974, 53 of over 60 women employees of the company, including Miss Stock, joined the Transport and General Workers' Union. On November 21 the union's district officer informed the employers that 90 per cent of their employees had joined and asked for a meeting to discuss setting up a procedure agreement, negotiating rights and recognition of workers' representatives. On November 28 the employers replied that action would not be taken without a full board meeting, that the chairman was away, and that a meeting would be held as soon as possible after his return. The next day two women who had been instrumental in the concerted movement to join the union were dismissed. As a result, on December 9, some 35 of the employees went on strike, seeking their reinstatement. On January 13, 1975, Miss Stock was sent her cards, and was dismissed.

Before her dismissal two, or at at least one, of the women who had taken part in the strike were allowed to return to work. Miss Stock then claimed that she had been unfairly dismissed and sought compensation under the Act. An industrial tribunal dismissed her claim, but both Mr Justice Phillips and the Court of Appeal found for her. The employers appealed to the House.

The matter was governed by paragraph 8 of schedule 1 to the Act which provided: "(1) The provisions of this paragraph shall have effect in relation to an employee who claims that he has been unfairly dismissed by his employer, where or the date of dismissal he was taking part in a strike or other industrial action. (2) If the reason or principal reason for the dismissal was that an employee took part in the strike or other industrial action, the dismissal shall not be regarded as unfair unless it is shown: (a) that one or more employees of the same employer . . . who also took part in that action, were not dismissed for taking part in it, or (b) that one or more such employees, who were dismissed for taking part in it, were offered reengagement on the termination of the industrial action and that the employee was not offered such reengagement and that the reason (or, if more than one, the principal reason) for which an employee was selected for dismissal or not offered re-engagement was an inadmissible reason."

Paragraph 6(4) and (6) provided that if the reason or principal reason for the dismissal was that the employee "had taken . . . part at any appropriate time in the activities of an independent trade union", it was an inadmissible reason. Mr Yorke did not suggest that any other part of the Act threw any light on the meaning to be given to paragraph 8—which replaced without material amendment section 26 of the Industrial Relations Act 1971.

Miss Stock claimed—and it was not disputed—that one or more of the employees who also took part in the strike were not dismissed for taking part in it, and that the reason for her dismissal was an inadmissible reason, namely, that she had taken part in the activities of an independent trade union, so that the two conditions precedent stipulated in paragraph 8(2) were satisfied and her dismissal was therefore to be regarded as unfair.

Parliament's intention when enacting section 26 and reenacting it in paragraph 8 was clear beyond doubt from its terms. It was to prevent victimization by an employer of persons who took part in a strike or other industrial action. The dismissal of all who took part in such action was not to be regarded as unfair, but discrimination between those who took part, either by not dismissing some of those who took part or by reengaging some of those who had been dismissed but not the claimant for compensation, rendered the dismissal unfair if it was for an inadmissible reason.

The employers contended that Parliament could not have intended to render an employer guilty of unfair dismissal if he dismissed all those taking part in a strike or other industrial action at the time of dismissal, and did not at the same time dismiss all persons who had taken part but had come back to work before the dismissals took place. It was urged that Parliament could not have meant that employers should be liable to pay compensation to all those taking part in a strike at the date of dismissal if they had allowed one person who had taken part to return to work. If that was the meaning, the employer, in order to avoid liability to pay compensation to those taking part in such action at the time of dismissal, would also have to dismiss those whom he had allowed to return to work and render himself liable to pay them compensation for unfair dismissal.

It was also contended that, in view of the anomalies which the employers said would result from the interpretation sought for Miss Stock, paragraph 8(2) should be read as if it said: "who also took part and at the date of the dismissal were taking part in that action".

His Lordship could see no justification for reading the words "and at the date of the dismissal were taking part" into paragraph 8(2)(a). So to do would be to limit the scope of the protection against victimization given by the paragraph. Its language was clear and unambiguous. Criticisms were not infrequently made of draftsmen. His Lordship could see no ground for criticizing the drafting of the paragraph or for concluding that the use of the past tense in paragraph 8(2)(a) was not deliberate and was an error in drafting.

Parliament might, if it had wished, have limited the protection against victimization to those taking part in the strike or other industrial action at the time of dismissal. It did not do so. Paragraph 8(2)(a) extended to all who took part in such action.

Much weight was sought to be placed on the anomalies which it was said would result from giving effect to the words used by Parliament. His Lordship was by no means satisfied that all the anomalies lay on one side, nor that dismissal of those allowed to return to work before the others engaged in industrial action were dismissed would necessarily render an employer liable to pay compensation, for under paragraph 17 of the schedule a tribunal could only make an award of compensation if it did not recommend reinstatement or if it did so recommend and its recommendation was not complied with. The existence of anomalies, if they existed, could not limit the meaning to be attached to clear language in a statute. The judge and the Court of Appeal came to the right decision. The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Simon, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Fraser and Lord Scarman delivered speeches concurring with Viscount Dilhorne.

Solicitors: Allan Jay & Co for William F. Hatton & Co, Dudley; Pattinson & Brewer.

How the bicycle became part of British life

A hundred years in the saddle

To ride a bicycle, H. G. Wells explained in *The Wheels of Chance*, is very like a love affair: "Chiefly, it is a matter of faith. Believe you do it, and the thing is done; doubt and for the life of you, you cannot."

A cyclist himself, Wells was writing in 1896, during the great boom in cycling as a popular sport, a fast means of travel and, incidentally, a vehicle for women's emancipation. How male eyes must have boggled as the "New Women", dressed in their "rationals" (a rig which included knickerbockers), glided past!

Some men were still riding high on the "penny-farthing" (the Ordinary), charging along the roads like gods. But the machine was not everybody's idea of comfort and was certainly not designed for ladies.

Now the "Safety" had arrived, chain-driven and more easily mountable, fitted with a brake. Cycling was the great *fashionable outdoor sport*, and the Cyclists' Touring Club was in the heyday of its popularity.

Proudly, the CTC, its symbol the winged wheel, can claim to be the first touring club in the world, yet in this, its centenary year, Britain's great army of cyclists must thank it for assuming a task far bigger than that of planning tours and organizing cycle rallies.

From the start, it assumed the role of legal watchdog, asserting and defending the right of the cyclist to be on the Queen's *Highway, equal in* his claim to a part of the road as drivers of other carriages. Many are the battles it has fought and won.

Perhaps the longest was over charges imposed for carrying cycles by rail. In 1910, the CTC *presented to the Commons* a petition signed by 201,760 people in support of a Cyclists' Railway Bill, making a general reduction in charges. It got nowhere, and the dispute has rumbled on . . . until last year, at last, British Rail made its historic concession that cycles could be carried free on most trains.

The British Cycling Bureau estimates that there are now between six and eight million regular cyclists in Britain, and another six million cycles are used for occasional trips. All of us, whether regulars or not, must see the CTC as our champion and wish it well as it celebrates the centenary with a series of special rallies, tours, and social gatherings.

It is an organization of enthusiasts; its membership is now over 28,000, with 300 local sections providing cycling and social programmes all the year round, and taking special interest in recruiting young members and helping cycling proficiency schemes.

Initially, under the inspiration of its founder, Mr Stanley J. A. Cotterell, its object was "to promote touring by bicycle, to help tourists to secure companions, and to protect its members" but soon many services were offered in return for the half-crown sub (now £5 for adults). There were the arranged tours all over the world, insurance and legal facilities, maps and road books specially made for cyclists, "consuls" to give advice and help in most towns, and special customs terms.

Approved repairers were listed, cheap terms negotiated at hotels and guest-houses, safety roadsigns erected (some still survive) and a club uniform designed: "a dark green Devonshire serge jacket, knickerbockers, Stanley helmet with small peaks, and stockings" (with, later, a recommended dress for ladies). All the year round there were local training tours, "rough stuff" riding tests for men and machines, races over mountain passes, pilgrimages to famous cycling spots.

But the CTC had its bad times. As Mr William Oakley 80-year-old president of the club says in his excellent history, *Winged Wheels**, published to commemorate the centenary: "The rise in membership from 1894 to 1899 had been meteoric: 46,283 in five years. The fall from 1899 to 1918 of 51,903 . . . left the membership at 8,546, its lowest level since 1883.

"*Motors* were the immediate cause. Cars became more reliable, more comfortable and with better protection from the weather . . . The middle and upper classes — businessmen, doctors, lawyers, parsons, civil servants—who had formed the majority of CTC members were turning to motors; they could afford them.

"Bicycles were coming within the reach of the lower classes but they saw no need to join a touring club. They rode mainly for sport or transport. Paid holidays had not arrived for the majority of workers; nor had youth hostels.

"The urge to travel over the hills and far away, day after day, had not yet come to them; even if it had, they could not have responded to it . . ."

Means of restoring the club's prestige and prosperity were sought, and Mr Oakley recalls that some thought the obvious step was to admit motorists. Indeed, at general meetings in 1906 it was decided to approach the Board of Trade with a view to altering the Memorandum of Association to the all-embracing title, "Touring Club".

This brought a fury of protest and the formation of a "reform party" led by the Hon Gilbert Coleridge, "who saw the inevitable danger of cyclists' *interests being submerged by a* powerful and influential motoring society". After a three-day hearing at the High Court, Mr Justice Warrington refused permission for the change on the grounds of the impossibility of one organization being able to protect equitably the rights and interests of cyclists and motorists.

"So", writes Mr Oakley with pride, "that historic battle was won for the Cyclists' Touring Club to remain purely the cyclists' champion, its integrity *inviolate. It still is*".

George Clark

**Winged Wheel* by William Oakley (Cyclists' Touring Club, by Meadrow, Godalming, Surrey, £3.50 inc. postage).



From penny-farthings to the chain-driven 'Safety'—bicycles always attracted the intrepid

A pause for thought about thinking

They came from all over the country, 23 of them, to partake in Britain's first Thinking Weekend, £78 for two nights at Studley Priory in Oxfordshire, log fires thrown in, drinks extra. "Actually" said Mrs Megan Whitney, "it was a *Christmas present from my* friend Joan. I've always been interested in philosophy."

After the frigidities of the inaugural cocktail party on Friday night, people cautiously began to celebrate. "I *think* I'm here because I've always been mystified by the way people don't think exactly as I do", said Gordon Ashbee, who runs a telephone and computer business. "I gave up smoking 13 years ago, but I've had to take it up again because it was interfering with my lateral thinking. You can't think sideways without a cigarette."

The resident guru, predictably, was Dr Edward de Bono. An eminent lateral thinker, he has developed, in addition to his medical career, considerable lecturing skills—not least the ability to use his lateral thinking to make what he has been saying for ten years sound almost new. Like Maltesers (he was born in Malta) his outer coating of smooth chocolate hides a very crisp centre, which people bite into at their peril. Just as attentive and charming to the crassly ignorant as to those who had read his books, he had little difficulty in pulling together this motley crew of aspirant thinkers. They included a Brain of Britain, a fruit farmer, an 80-year-old woman *iron founder*, teachers, chemists, a landscape gardener and a woman writing a thesis on the early identification of educationally at risk children.

He started off with a few Irish jokes—partly to test audience reaction but also to illustrate his main thesis. It was, he argued, logical to be illogical. "What is red, but is not there?" he asked. People puzzled and murmured learnedly among themselves. "Bloody nothing", he explained.

The ice broken, it was down to hard work. Speaking without notes, furiously scribbling every idea through an epidioscope, de Bono gradually forced his audience into some semblance of thought. A sceptic might have found the jargon laughable—"random stimulation", "opportunity thinking" and "po"—a Linear B ideogram rather like a reverse question mark, tangentially including *poetry, suppose, hypothesis, possible*, and *provocative operation*.

A man who complained that women went straight from A to D without going through the recognized male logical thought process of A-B-C-D was gently rebuked. It was true, de Bono said, that 90 per cent of our life was based on traditional logical thinking—"how *else could we try an egg or* cross a road?" What he questioned was the other 10 per cent, when highly educated people became enmeshed in the "intelligence trap", incapable of accepting an apparently ridiculous sidetrack that could well lead to a more useful and imaginative solution. He gave as an example a factory whose noxious effluents were ruining the life of neighbours downstream. With mad logic, de Bono argued that the factory somehow had to be downstream of itself. This being *nonsensical, he then went on* to argue (or "po" as he would call it) that the factory's smelly output should be above its input, thus making life so intolerable for factory workers that they would be driven to find a solution. The principle has been widely adopted in Russia, but de Bono gets no benefit from it. "Unfortunately, there are no copyrights on ideas."

Tadpoles provided another fertile field. Asked by the Nigerian Government how to build teacher training colleges when there was no money available, he used another of his lateral thinking methods—picking a word at random from a dictionary. It turned out to be "tadpole"—not an immediately helpful concept, *perhaps.* But *tadpoles have* tails. So why not a teacher, with a tail of apprentices learning the trade peripatetically? Down with teacher training colleges.

It was time for the class to start thinking laterally. Up on the screen went the words "travel concepts" and a random word from the dictionary—"bet". "Right. Think for three minutes, talk to your neighbours, then let's go." Panic and emptiness, despair and confusion. In the end, everyone managed to come up with something, even if it was only a gambling trip to Las Vegas. It was difficult to get rid of the inbred competitive spirit. "It's not fair, I thought of that just before she said it", someone at No 18 muttered. At No 23, I felt quite proud of inventing a package tour where everyone placed sealed bets as to the number of oil slicks on the beaches, or double-booked hotels—the four winners to be awarded free holidays.

Dr de Bono is sometimes a little hurt by the mockery that has accompanied his success. "Journalists are the worst. They always ask me to explain what lateral thinking is all about—and I can't in a few minutes. But people who know what they're talking about are *very much in favour. When I* lectured at Nottingham, they had to empty the hall four times. I can outdraw Enoch Powell any time."

Though he claims to have no missionary zeal, he is not without ambition. "I can get much *more influence out of* what I am doing than through politics. In 25 years' time I will have had far more influence than any of today's politicians."

Nor is his ambition entirely self-seeking. He genuinely *cares about the way people* think. A few years ago he set up the Cognitive Research Trust and asked for a grant from the Schools Council. It was turned down on the grounds that no committee existed to discuss a subject called "thinking"—and that, anyway, de Bono would go ahead and do it himself, so why bother paying him?

It is easy to see why de Bono alienates people. His ideas are not normal. Why not, he argues, pay long-sentence prisoners £80 a week for life, so long as they stay out of prison? Since it costs £130 a week to keep a man in prison, surely this would be cost-effective?

His persuasiveness certainly had a galvanic effect on the weekend's lateral thinkers. While the locals in the Tudor Bar discussed beagling and the possibility of snow, our thinkers were deep into "po", provocation and random stimulation. Mrs J. Fanshawe, a widow and semi-retired schoolteacher, thought she might have been stimulated to solve her problems. "Anything's possible—I could make Christmas cakes, perhaps look after people's houses while they're away. I might even become a Rentathinka."

It was heartening to find that so many people were willing to question the logical rigidities of their education. There was one exception. I asked Mrs Dent, in her 'eighties, if she had learned anything new from the course. "No, of course I haven't learned anything new. I'm far too old for that. Still", she said "it was fun."

Ruth Hall

Behind the best sellers

Mike Marchand, the French flying ace, ill and dispirited, a refugee from France in 1940, and hero of the novel *Traitor's Gate* (Coronet, 85p) stumbles into an office set up in Glasgow to help the French wounded, and into an encounter with Catherine Gavin—a subsidiary character who, as the author points out, goes off to telephone on page 21 and never comes back. It is, in fact, Catherine Gavin as herself, and her brief appearance is to introduce what is not one of her historical novels; it is the times "which I lived through, those years that are a part of my life".

Her new novel *None Dare Call It Treason* (Hodder & Stoughton, £4.50), published next Monday continues the story of Jacques Brunel, a young lawyer who returns to Nice in unoccupied France to take part in the Resistance. Though Catherine Gavin made her name as a best-selling historical novelist, she began her career as an academic, with a PhD, lecturing in European history at Aberdeen University, and there is much to be sketched in for the post-war readers. With a certain amount of amusement she tells of discovering at a sales conference of her publishers that a senior executive was born in 1939 and it was all absolutely new to him. That she manages this successfully is due, she thinks to her training as a journalist.

"I was a leader writer for Kemsley Newspapers in 1943. On Mondays there was always a discussion on outstanding questions of the day, and then it was decided what subjects we would do. We each had a paper or group of papers to write for." Being a Scot, she was a leader writer for the *Glasgow Daily Record* and had to write leaders of 613 words. "And I don't mean 612 or 614 words . . . it was the best training in the world", she says, and when in 1945 the *Daily Express* made what she describes as "a handsome offer" she went off to the Middle East as a war correspondent—they were all war correspondents then, the Middle East still being under military law. In Paris for the *Daily Express*, she found with an increasing love of France and the French went a dislike of General de Gaulle, which deepened and strengthened as she watched him go into self-imposed exile for 12 years ("and I did so hope he would stay there, but he came back again. Eleven years later they caught up with him and threw him out. What a career.")

"In Paris in 1948 I fell in love and got married. My husband is an American, and we went to live in America." She had lived in New York for a short while and should have met her future husband then—"he was with the *New York Herald Tribune* and I had an office in their building—yet we never met." She worked as a journalist in America, but was not happy, and prefers not to talk about it. On the other hand, she was on the celebrated American lecture circuit for 10 profitable years and has many happy, hilarious and quite unrepeatable memories. The first historical novel, *Madeleine*, dates from 1958, and it was to an extent a true story in that a great uncle, James Bruce, a successful engineer with the P & O, gave it all up to Eight for France in the Franco Prussian War, and so she wove a story around him. "I've always been keen on facts, and they set me off."

There have been 10 more books in the 20 years that followed, but only *Traitor's Gate* has the note "Banned in France." in the jacket, though, as she points out, it's not exactly so. "My very respectable French publishers would not touch it—and a second publisher turned it down, but it did very well in the English edition—six months on the fiction shelf at W. H. Smith in Paris—I always had a look when I went by to see if it was *still at the top of the list.*

"I was anti-de Gaulle from the beginning—*de la première heure*—which is a phrase used by the Gaullists—from the first broadcast which I heard with a group of French officers." She feels that, like the Bourbons, he went back in the baggage wagons of the Allies. "D-Day plus 88—*not* a very heroic return." He had a great gift for publicity, she says, and was not so much devoted to helping the British fight the Germans as to getting himself President of the *French Republic. In the 1960s*, dislike was intensified. "He was not our friend—our ally, but not our friend, and in the end more of an enemy than Napoleon Bonaparte—and Bonaparte was at least a good soldier. M de Gaulle has still a long way to go in my disfavour."

Strong words. But for those who lived through those years, and we are fortunate that we in this country were never occupied by an enemy, there are old wounds that have never healed. It is only those who were born before 1939 who will appreciate the irony of Mike Marchand in Scotland in 1940 assuring Jacques Borel that he couldn't think of a safer place in France for his parents to be than Oradour.

Remember Oradour? Catherine Gavin does. It is even more ironical that on the library indexes, she says, she finds herself right next to Gaulle, Charles de.

Philippa Toomey



Catherine Gavin

Pencourt: the third man

One of the more surprising aspects of the book *The Pencourt File*, by Barrie Penrose and Roger Courtier, is the man who masterminded it. Exposés of this kind are usually the preserve of newspapers and television, but from early on the key figure in the project's gestation has been Mr Tom Rosenthal, managing director of the publishers, Secker and Warburg.

At first sight it may seem an unlikely book for Secker and Warburg to publish. The firm has been traditionally associated with literary publishing of a high standard, numbering among its authors George Orwell, Franz Kafka and Gunter Grass. But since Mr Rosenthal became managing director seven years ago its interests have broadened. Later this year, for example, the firm will publish the Josef Goebbels diaries, but it was the Watergate books by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, *All the President's Men* and *The Final Days*, that by publishing in Britain sparked Mr Rosenthal's involvement in *The Pencourt File.*

It was in May 1976 that Mr Rosenthal was first approached, in suitably cloak and dagger manner by the authors' agent, Mr Gordon Fielden. It was suggested that he should cancel his engagements and present himself in East Croydon the following morning where he would learn something to his advantage. There for the first time he met Barrie Penrose and Roger Courtier.

"Well I listened to them", recalls Mr Rosenthal. "I looked at documents and I was so riveted and fascinated by the whole story that I kept phoning my office and having more people put off and later I phoned my wife, because we had a dinner party at home that night, saying I would almost certainly not be there for the drinks and later that I would not be there for the beginning of the meal and finally I told her to seat the guests and that I would turn up when I could, which was about ten o'clock in the evening. By then I had, on the evidence I had seen, made a positive decision, namely that I would publish the book."

Originally the Penrose-Courtier (Pencourt) investigation was being bankrolled by the BBC. The problem came when the BBC dropped out. Publishers are not geared to financing wide-ranging investigations of the kind Pencourt were involved in. The secretarial assistance, the researchers, the long distance telephones to California, flights to the United States, "all come up with the rations if you're backed by the BBC", Mr Rosenthal says. "now all these expenses devolved upon Secker and Warburg. It was my duty to support the authors in this investigation, because in my view it became clearer every day that we were dealing with a matter of major public interest in this country."

Word of Pencourt's investigations began to circulate, and almost immediately it was assumed in the media that they were preparing, in Mr Rosenthal's words, "a nasty book" about an alleged relationship between Jeremy Thorpe and Norman Scott, although now that the book has been published this can be seen simply as the catalyst which "set in train those other events which have caused this book to be written".

Mr Rosenthal sees the publisher's role as making available those facts which are of "paramount public interest, so that the public can judge for themselves". It will, he believes, have "the same interest for the British public as the Watergate books did for the American public, because nothing of this kind has in my view been published before".

Mr Rosenthal speaks as the son of Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany. He was educated at the Perse School and later read English and History at Cambridge before doing his National Service with the Royal Artillery. His publishing career began with Thames and Hudson.

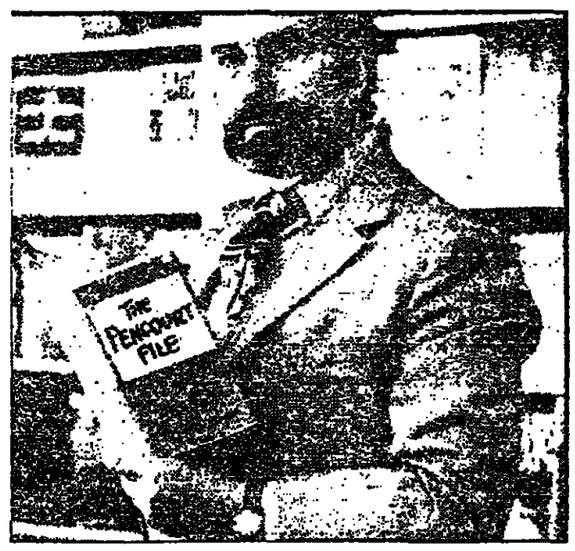
The Pencourt File has been a road full of pitfalls for him. Once the full implication of the story had been established Mr Rosenthal sold the serial rights to *The Observer* for £50,000. They contracted to run two extracts of 11,000 words, but backed out a few days before the first was to appear. *The Daily Mirror* is understood to have paid a similar fee for the extracts which it has published this week.

Whatever the final outcome of the story unravelled in *The Pencourt File* Mr Rosenthal is enough of a realist to appreciate that as far as Secker and Warburg is concerned it will probably be the firm's output of fiction, poetry and drama that will survive for posterity.

"I'm not saying that *The Pencourt File* will last for 50 years, nothing like". Mr Rosenthal says. "Obviously publishers like to think of themselves as handmaidens to literature and I am certainly among them but we live in the reality, very much reality of the modern world.

"I hope the book will sell well, but I think it is ironic that having put so much effort into it from the author's side and the publisher's side that the cost of producing the book, no matter how substantial a best seller it is, means that the authors are not going to become rich men and the publishers are not going to show a vast profit."

Ion Trewin
Literary Editor



Mr Tom Rosenthal

Race for the hustings?

Fred Emery considers the views on immigration expressed by Mrs Thatcher and the row they caused

Unnerving headlines like "Now Maggie wants to deport them" or even "Tories to revoke immigrants amnesty?" were being drafted in Fleet Street and other newspaper offices on Thursday night. Suddenly the headlines were scrapped, and the "play" of the story was downgraded as dispatches were cancelled or rewritten *in extremis. Only The Guardian* in its Friday headline "Thatcher 'may uproot immigrants'" caught the flavour of an original version which risked having the leader of the Opposition end her week of immigration controversy even more clamorously than she had begun it.

Conventions of news coverage at Westminster are, it is known, arcane. They preclude explicit disclosure of how a denial came to be issued to political correspondents, on the Conservative's behalf, to the question whether their leadership was contemplating not honouring, or not being bound by the 1974 and 1977 amnesties for illegal immigrants.

I will explain, however, my own surprise at the denial because I had not understood the Conservative leader to be thinking of anything so extreme as cancelling an amnesty. The Conservatives are, of course, on record as bitterly resenting and opposing, at the time, those amnesties. But I, for one, could not suppose any responsible politician to be proposing—after the fact—a "de-amnesty", to unforget what was legally forgotten.

It turned out, however, that I and a couple of others were in a distinct minority. Colleagues of vastly longer Westminster service were uncommonly agreed in insisting that it was what the Conservatives meant that counted, not so much what they actually said.

I cannot accept that. But I recognize that in Mrs Thatcher's clearly transmitted wish to consider refusing settlement in Britain to the dependants of amnestied "illegals" (who, once amnestied, of course, are no longer illegal and have all the rights to have their specified dependants here as do other pre-1973 entrants) was the seed of the non-story to cancel the amnesties.

Intramural press argument over interpretation is commonplace and its ventilation risks being tiresome. However this case, in my view, illustrates well the perils of fast talk—dabbling in the imprecise while sounding specific—on the extraordinarily delicate matter of *race relations.* The danger is, of course, compounded by the vigorously competitive press in Britain, but our politicians have been around enough to know what restraints are required.

In this case Mrs Thatcher has been treated with a restraint which the American press, for instance, would feel was more than her entitlement.

The wider point is that if discussion of what the Conservatives think they would like to do about immigration can lead to such convulsions among journalists who hear it, then it is no wonder that the rest of the country risks being, variously, impressed, deluded or dismayed.

Looking back over Mrs Thatcher's week, about the only common agreement would be for her admonition, on ITV, "*never be afraid to* tackle something people are worried about". She added: "We are not in politics to ignore peoples' worries: we are in politics to deal with them."

That the immigration worries are there is of concern to all parties. The Prime Minister is as anxious an excluder of further new imigrants as Mrs Thatcher. But the fear of not knowing how many more people are entitled to come has got to be responsibly met, not fanned into flame. After my own initiation into the Home Office statistics and documentation this week I must say that although they are intricate, I am not persuaded that Mrs Thatcher has done her homework here as well as she claims.

If she has evidence that the Home Office is actually cooking the figures then she must say so; apparently she holds that it simply cannot be shown whether the Government is breaking the law and allowing post-1972 immigrants settlement rights to which they are not entitled. But her complaint over the existing figures must be corrosive of popular confidence *in them.*

She is also known to be promising a compulsory register of future potential entrants. She relies on the Conservative member of the so-called Franks Committee, Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, in disputing the Prime Minister's remark that the committee found it impossible to produce an accurate enough register.

But the fact is the committee found that such a compulsory register, while meeting the criterion of usefulness, would probably have to exclude so many categories that *it might* end up having less than half the number entitled.

Mrs Thatcher's demeanour, vocabulary and timing in dealing with the immigration problem have clearly caused far wider disquiet, even outrage, than that which was expressed in coloured communities. The instant charge of "racism" hurled at her by critics on the Labour left wing was predictable. But the unease along the middle ground of all parties, including some Conservatives even some of their shadow *ministers, was different.*

The crass suspicion was that it had all been planned as a ploy to capture Labour votes heading next time for the National Front. The activities of certain popular newspaper editors, the promoting of the issue by Mr George Gardiner Tory MP for Reigate and editor of the Conservative monthly news, was seen as part of a pattern. The speculation was that since Mr Callaghan was turning out to be difficult to undermine on the economic issue, then immigration and race would knock his pedestal from under Labour's feet.

The evidence for all this is very circumstantial, and certainly Mr Powell is not so easily to be had. He was the first to deride, by anticipation, Mr Thatcher's prospect of "a clear *end to immigration", arguing* that it just cannot be done short of having the coloured British population remove itself whence its forefathers came.

Mrs Thatcher herself holds that while she has been very worried indeed over the rise of *the National Front, her remarks* this week came out spontaneously because she believes in giving straight answers when questioned on television. If that be so she may be parading, by inadvertence, both her innate and cultural insensitivities in racial matters. That may speak for many more in Britain than would care to admit it. And notwithstanding Mr Whitelaw's statesmanlike speech last night, that would be following, not leading.

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HERR SCHMIDT RESHUFFLES

Cabinet reshuffles are no a outine feature of political life n West Germany. They tenc to e seen as symptoms of weak ess or instability rather than emonstrations of a leade's igour. They are undertaken eluctantly and only under ressure of necessity. Herr chmidt, the Chancellor, there ore held out as long as he ould before replacing Herr eber, the Defence Minister. ut when he saw that his inister's position had become ntenable, Herr Schmidt used ie occasion to make other hanges as well.

Herr Schmidt had other easons for hesitating. On the hole Herr Leber has been a ood minister. Although he ran is ministry too loosely, he has een popular among the troops nd highly respected in Nato, here it is vital that West Ger- any should enjoy political trust. e greatly improved the effec- veness of the German forces uring his term of office, and as former trade unionist he did lot to overcome the long erman tradition of mistrust etween the labour movement nd the army. He has made emies on the left of his party t elsewhere he has earned ide respect as a minister and politician. He leaves with uch of his reputation intact. The reasons for his departure ose only indirectly from his nduct in office but they are portant in the wider context German politics. Military secu- rity is a very severe problem in West Germany. The country is riddled with spies from East Germany, who have shown themselves able to reach high and sensitive jobs. The surveillance that is necessary for even a reasonable level of reassurance is not easily compatible with due process of law or even full political control. In fact the military security service, whose acronym is MAD, has operated without proper legal cover since 1956 and has almost certainly violated the constitution, which guarantees inviolability of the home. The problem is now under close scrutiny, and attempts are being made to clarify whether an office also enjoys the protection of the constitution, but even then the most meticulous legal thinking of the Germans has been brought to bear on this surprising vacuum it is doubtful if a wholly satisfactory solution can be found. There will always remain some contradiction between democratic principles, and the measures necessary to protect them in exceptional circumstances.

Herr Leber showed himself far too insensitive to this problem. He stumbled clumsily in putting his case and made foolish remarks about the security services not using methods appropriate to a nunnery. He revealed not only that he was unaware of what was happening in his ministry but also that he had made insufficient efforts to find out. Worse still, the Opposition, some members of which have close contacts with the security services, clearly knew more than he knew and helped deepen the hole into which he fell. He was found to have misinformed parliament not deliberately but through ignorance. The German public is security conscious and would probably have sympathized with a careful and scrupulous explanation of the the problems but it is also sensitive about legality, and this aspect was brushed too roughly aside.

The result is sad for Herr Leber and embarrassing for the Government, but the new cabinet which has emerged is if anything stronger than its predecessor. Herr Apel, the new Defence Minister, is a very able man, tough, somewhat abrasive and with international experience as Finance Minister. The new faces in the cabinet are young fliers who have already acquired considerable experience in responsible jobs. They come from the pragmatic centre of the party and will further reduce the influence of the older generation of Social Democrats represented by Herr Brandt and Herr Wehner. Now that the party has sorted out some of the scandals which have plagued its city governments around the country Herr Schmidt should be able to look forward with reasonable confidence to the Land elections which are due this year.

)EBATE BEFORE DECISION

ne Windscale inspector has nded his report to the Secre- ry of State. Friends of the rth and British Nuclear Fuels ay still have a lengthy period suspense before Mr Peter ore finishes brooding over the cument and allows it to be blished. Inevitably, the facts d judgments in the report will nerate a fresh round of con- versy as to whether BNFL ould be allowed to build their ant to reprocess uranium fuels. decision likely to have great fluence on the scale and ture of Britain's future clear plans).

But if unbroken precedent is llowed, this new bout of dis- tation will come too late to ect events; for ministers have the past published such re- ts only when they have nade announced their own leci- ns. Mr Justice Parker's con- sions after 99 days of hearings uld then be largely of demic value to everybody ept Mr Shore. Where lesser es are involved, this may be eptable, but the signatories Mr Leo Abse's parliamentary ion yesterday will not be the y ones to feel that in this e it will not do.

n many ways the Windscale iry last year was a unique d of investigation. It was held before a departmental ector but before a judge and experts in the complex tech- l issues involved; its brief drawn so as to embrace the st questions of national cy. In formal terms, however, as a local inquiry under the n and Country Planning , and the normal rules had e followed. There is nothing he rules to prevent a minister from publishing a report before making up his mind, but his decision might be challenged in the High Court if he actually paid any attention to the ensuing debate.

Judges in cases involving government have traditionally been reluctant to interfere except where a minister or official appears to be acting in some sense like a judge. A minister or inspector deciding on a planning application is held to be exercising a quasi-judicial function. Accordingly, he has to respect the rules of natural justice, and must give both sides an equal hearing. Judges have regularly asserted the importance of the equal hearing rule, and in particular of the principle derived from it, that a decision should not take into account considerations which were not raised at the inquiry, and which therefore could not be answered by those whose case they might seem to weaken. The Errington case of 1935 and the Givaudan case of 1962 both quashed ministerial decisions for reasons of this kind. More recently, judges have shown themselves increasingly ready to scan such decisions for flaws in natural justice.

If the Parker report were published and public debate followed, it would be difficult for Mr Shore to remain demonstrably unaffected by the new controversy; if he did, then the disputants, in Parliament and outside, might as well have saved their breath. Feelings on this matter run so strongly that one side or another might well snatch at even a remote chance of having the decision overthrown in the courts. If nothing else, this would achieve delay, and time is an important factor because of the Japanese reprocessing contract.

If the minister simply accepted the inspector's report, it is unlikely that his action could be challenged. But the nature of the issue is such that both his findings and the inspector's are likely to be hedged around with many conditions: there is almost bound to be divergence somewhere. Perhaps the most relevant precedent is the Saffron Walden chalkpits case of 1961 where a minister took account of information a colleague gave him after the inspector had reported. There the Council of Tribunals proposed a new rule that where a minister did take new factual evidence into account in rejecting an inspector's report, he should give all disappointed objectors a chance to have the inquiry reopened.

Mr Shore's dilemma is not easy. If he does the usual thing and publishes only when he announces his decision, he will block effective debate and frustrate one of the purposes of the Parker inquiry, which was to focus public consideration on the issues by sifting the evidence and rendering the main arguments comprehensible. If on the other hand he publishes and then pauses before giving his decision, he runs some risk of incurring litigation and inviting excessive delay. The first course may seem safer, to departmental eyes. But in practice it would seem so peremptory that it would arouse deep and widespread suspicion. Whatever the risks may be, there ought to be a full debate on Parker.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Immigrants' place in society

From Councillor Alfred Sherman

Sir, In an otherwise thoughtful leader on Mrs Thatcher on immigration (February 1) you assert that "it is also essential to spell out what should be done to help the members of the immigrant communities, especially the younger ones who have been born here, to find a satisfactory place . . . a fair place in our society". But why?

They have already been given the inestimable privilege of living in one of the fairest, most advanced, decent and open societies in the world; allowed to share the political, cultural and economic benefits accumulated by generations of Englishmen. Surely it is up to them, as it is to their English fellow-citizens, to find their own place, or, if they cannot, to make their contribution in their ancestral homes.

When our Jewish forebears made their way here as refugees from Czarist persecution, subjects but not citizens, they asked only one boon: to be allowed to enter and make their own way in life. Citizenship was not automatically conferred, but had to be earned. It was agreed that they should place no burden on the British public purse, but that Jewish charitable organizations should look after them.

They were left to fit in or not as they chose, but always aware that each Jew's behaviour had consequences for the good name of all his fellow-Jews. It was well known to them that in order to get on, they would have to do better in their own field than their fellow-citizens did; they accepted the challenge. They did not ask; they gave.

I dread to think what would have happened had Commissions for Racial Equality been set up at the turn of the century, to try to force through more Jewish immigrants than public opinion would bear, to give privileges to Jews in the name of rights; to engage in professional philo-semitic witch-finding, à la CRE, in short had Jews been given what they were otherwise obliged to earn, and had they been imposed on the English population instead of being left to find their own way. Had this happened, we should neither have become a success story nor achieved such a wide measure, first of toleration, later of acceptance.

Then, God saved us from our friends. Now, the element in British political life which uses the immigrant as an emotional crutch, or a stick with which to belabour his fellow citizens is storing up corrosive resentments by leading them to expect special consideration which is neither justifiable nor, more important still, feasible, while nevertheless generating animus among the less successful strata of the indigenous population, who predictably magnify favourable treatment for immigrants both real and proposed.

The more percipient among the immigrant groups already understand this. They practise self-help and keep a low profile, ignoring some self-appointed "immigrant leaders". The only possible salvation for other groups, particularly West Indians, lies in the same direction. At best, we can, and therefore should, help them to help themselves while not minimizing the predictable problems created by mass immigration from their kind of society into Britain, nor blaming the English for them.

But those who wait to be given "their place in society", which by definition implies a dependent relationship as between recipient and donor, hence one of inferiority, are being deprived of what they need most, incentive to self-help, individual and communal. That is the worst and most enduring form of deprivation, as well as the most politically inflammatory. Those who practise it no doubt have their reasons; only debate can make them explicit. Mrs Thatcher has given that debate not only impetus, but also the additional dimension of national character. All who favour honest debate are in her debt for having done so.

ALFRED SHERMAN,
Town Hall, Kensington, W8.

From Mr John B. Frankenburg

Sir, Whatever the merits of Camden Council's policy towards the employment of immigrants, Mr Evans (letter, January 31) will be disappointed if he believes that the expressed intention of preferring the immigrant to the native only when all other factors are equal will be acceptable to the Commission for Racial Equality.

An organization for finding accommodation for foreign students keeps a list of prospective landlords including, inter alia, any preference expressed by them for tenants of particular nationalities. No landlord who refuses to take tenants of any particular colour, race or nationality is on the list. An applicant for accommodation is sent to the vacant lodgings most suitable for his circumstances by virtue of their position, price, available services, etc. If he fails to agree terms he is sent to the next most suitable and so on until he is fixed up or the list is exhausted. Up to 2,000 lettings a year have been arranged for many years to the apparent satisfaction of all parties.

If lodgings are otherwise equally suitable the applicant will be introduced to a landlord who prefers tenants of the applicant's nationality, etc, before he is sent to a landlord who has other preferences, and to this procedure the Commission objects. The Commission maintains it to be illegal to act in obedience to any preference based on race, nationality or colour. One officer of the Commission has even suggested that it might be an offence to take account of an applicant's preference not to be accommodated by landlords of a certain nationality, eg a Greek Cypriot and a Turkish landlord.

If the Commission is right to object to a practice which merely alters the order in which a prospective tenant is introduced to prospective landlords—and until he finds something that suits him he will meet every listed landlord—how much righter will they be to object to an act which prohibits any prospect of immediate employment to the unsuccessful applicant?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN B. FRANKENBURG,
Beechings,
Pangbourne, Berkshire.

From Dr Martin Pulbrook

Sir, It is good news that Mrs Thatcher professes to have the interests of "essential British character" so much at heart. If she means what she says, may I suggest that she does two things. To announce the intention of British withdrawal from the EEC (arguably, no other event since the Norman conquest has posed a greater threat than EEC membership to British habits and institutions); and to announce her retirement from politics, at the same time handing over the reins of the Conservative Party to Mr Powell. The Conservatives would then unquestionably win the next election, and Britain would be set for success in the 1980s and 1990s.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN PULBROOK,
Department of Classics,
St Patrick's College,
Maynooth, Co Kildare, Ireland.

Anglican-Catholic inter-communion

From the Rev Bernard Garratt

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury has said that many Anglicans and Roman Catholics already share Holy Communion together, despite the rules.

The Archbishop of Westminster told the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday (February 1) that we are not yet ready to approach the altar together "*as churches*".

Your editorial (February 2) rightly hinted that the two prelates are in fact saying similar things. Namely that, whatever may be the regulations which govern the *official* relations of our two communions, Anglicans and Roman Catholics *as individual Christians* can no longer be censured for following their own consciences in this matter.

Whether or not this is a fair interpretation of recent statements by the two archbishops, it is clear that many ordinary members of the two churches, and especially the younger members, will continue to act as if it were.

We are now, thank God, at a stage in our ecumenical relations where it would take either a saint or a bigot to convince such people that they are wrong. May one hope, Sir, that before any such attempts are made their authors may stop to ask themselves into which of these two categories they see themselves as fitting?

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD GARRATT,
Chaplain,
City of London Polytechnic,
Room 120,
Old Castle Street, E1.
February 2.

From Canon W. G. Hurlow

Sir, You very rightly in your leading article (February 2) draw attention to one paradox in church relations. May I be permitted to mention another: It is that the only genuine Protestants at the present time are to be found not outside the Roman Church but within it.

The old Protestant/Catholic labels no longer have much relevance. Likewise, one wonders whether the issues still dividing the churches really have much relevance in face of the much more important problems of unity confronting nations and society. Certainly they seem irrelevant to those outside the churches, and have had the result of making the Church seem irrelevant to the proper moulding of society. One can be forgiven for suspecting that God has long moved out of His Church for the furtherance of His purposes.

Is it too much to hope for a spell of freedom from ecumenical pressures so that ordinary Christians can find their own levels of cooperation and fellowship whilst continuing to fulfil their duty of worship in their accustomed and traditional ways. It cannot be too far into the stratosphere before prayers unite, after all.

In the meantime perhaps Roman Catholics can relax in the knowledge that there can be no logical unity ultimately without the primacy of the Pope, and Christians of other churches in the main accept this. On the other hand, it may surprise one of two of your Roman Catholic correspondents to learn that their church has still a great deal to learn from the Church of England before unity between them is possible.

Yours faithfully,
WINSTON HURLOW,
The Rectory,
St Mary-without-the-Walls,
Chester.
February 2.

From Professor W. H. C. Frend

Sir, The correspondence over the last year on intercommunion between Canterbury and Rome seems to be getting nowhere. Where theologians flounder, may a historian try his hand?

First, there never was a time since Pentecost when Christ's followers have been united. Even in the first century there were wide divergences of interpretation in teaching that was accepted as orthodox. By 200, Rome, Carthage, Alexandria and Antioch all emerge as centres of distinctive and sometimes contradictory traditions of Christianity.

Secondly, apart from the major doctrinal controversies, early Christianity (like Judaism before it) tended to divide into two camps. In the west, believers held to the ideal of the gathered church, the Church of the Holy Spirit standing four square against the world, for whom integrity of belief and worship was all-important. In the east, Christians accepted the world itself as a harmony, a dim reflection of the divine world. Empire and church were destined to work together. Christianity was to be comprehensive in belief and world-wide in extent. Long before *filioque* was thought of there was practical schism between the eastern and western halves of Christendom.

Thirdly, apart from the Orthodox Church itself, the residual legatees of the Gathered and Comprehensive ideals are today the Roman and Anglican communions respectively. An important, if sometimes neglected aspect of the English Reformation was the replacement of Augustinianism by the Greek Fathers, and the emergence of Christian Platonism within Anglicanism. Today, whereas the Anglican sees unity in terms of progress from fellowship to intercommunion to organic unity, the Roman sees intercommunion as the symbol of unity within the gathered community.

No one has been able to bring these two interpretations of Christianity together throughout its 2,000 years of history. Your correspondents indicate that understanding is as far off as ever. The Archbishop of Canterbury will have performed great service if he can simply persuade the Churches to face up to their differences and understand the depth of the underlying cause. In this case, analysis will be the first step towards cure.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. C. FREND,
Department of Ecclesiastical History,
The University,
Glasgow.
February 2.

From the Reverend Martyn W. Jarrett

Sir, Prince Rupert Loewenstein is less than fair to Anglicans (*The Times*, February 1). I still recall my sense of shock as an innocent Anglo-Catholic abroad at a joint Anglican-Roman Catholic Conference in Holland in the late 1960s. It was soon obvious to me that the Roman Catholic Church contained within itself nearly the whole spectrum of diversity found in Anglicanism. Whereas Anglicans were assenting in the formulae and then believing what they liked it was quite obvious that many Roman Catholics were in quite the same position. It may or may not be a pleasing state of affairs. It is a fact.

Sir, if Prince Rupert were an Orthodox prince, he might have a case. As a Roman Catholic prince he should first put his own house in order.

I have the honour, Sir, to be
Your most obedient servant,
MARTYN W. JARRETT,
St Joseph's Vicarage,
430 Yeading Lane,
Northolt,
Middlesex.
February 1.

Management of museums

From the Chairman of Trustees and the Director, National Maritime Museum

Sir, We read with much interest Lord Eccles's letter (January 27) about the management of national museums. We write as the chairman of trustees and director of one of the larger of these institutions, which, because of the breadth of its field and the diversity of academic disciplines involved in its work, is a complex organization to manage. Faced with a considerable and rapid expansion, of buildings and galleries, in staff size, in our fields of interest and in our involvements at home and overseas, we at the National Maritime Museum have had perforce to give much attention to the problems of contemporary museum management. Over the past ten years, with three different chairmen and a board almost all the members of which have changed in the natural course of events, we have developed a structure which has on the whole proved itself.

Lord Eccles's thesis rests on his specific statement that the responsibility for direction lies with the board of trustees. May we suggest that it does not and that it should rest with the director who is employed for this purpose. The role of the trustees is surely to assist with their collective wisdom the development of policy and, as public trustees, to monitor its execution; but not to intervene in day-to-day management except at the request of the director. We feel strongly that Lord Eccles's proposal that each institution should have a managing board composed of paid part-time and full-time members would, if implemented, usurp the managerial function of the director and the heads of departments.

Certainly we require freedom to spend our grant but under the system of devolution introduced in 1975 we have this in large, though still not quite sufficient, measure. As for the views of the staff, there are very many ways in which contact can be constantly maintained to great mutual advantage, from the formal structure of the Whitley Council, through the directors' and his deputy's constant contact both formal and informal with staff at all levels, to the informal and social contacts which frequently occur between staff and trustees both as individuals and as a group.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY CAYZER,
Chairman of Trustees,
BASIL GREENHILL,
Director,
National Maritime Museum, SE10.

What Hardy wrote

From Professor Alastair Smart

Sir, Before writing his review (January 23) of the first episode of Jonathan Powell's production of *The Mayor of Casterbridge* (BBC2), Mr Ratcliffe might have made himself more familiar with Hardy's great novel. Misunderstandings of the novel do not make for a balanced appreciation of the film.

Elizabeth-Jane does not "unknowingly" meet her father Michael Henchard, for she is not Henchard's daughter at all: she is the daughter of Richard Newson, the sailor who "buys" Henchard's wife Susan at Weydon-Priors Fair.

Mr Ratcliffe shows himself to be quite unaware of the vitally important circumstance that there are two Elizabeth-Janes—Henchard's daughter who dies in infancy, and Newson's girl (given the same name by her mother) who grows up to marry Farfrae, and whom Henchard believes to be his own daughter until he sadly learns the truth—a truth that helps to break him.

The tragic irony of the situation has thus escaped your critic's attention: but in the film a brilliant use of flashbacks, allowing the two Elizabeth-Janes to be "juxtaposed", not only painted in the background to the main story but subtly prepared the viewer for the eventual revelation of the heroine's parentage.

Yet Mr Ratcliffe condemns this device as Dennis Potter's "one serious miscalculation". This judgment seems to me quite unjust, not to say meaningless, especially as it is based on the erroneous assumption that the infant whom we see in Susan Henchard's arms at the fair, and the girl of 18 who accompanies her mother to Casterbridge many years later are one and the same person.

In other respects, however, lovers of Hardy will share Mr Ratcliffe's appreciation of what promises to be an adaptation of a literary masterpiece that is masterly in its own right, and which—to judge from the first episode—will be all the finer for being faithful to the mind of Thomas Hardy.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR SMART,
Department of Fine Art,
The University of Nottingham,
University Park,
Nottingham,
January 25.

Nationalisation plans

From the President of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers

Sir, Reginald Maudling's otherwise excellent "letter to his constituents", published by you on February 1, contains one dangerously complacent sentence—"the Labour Government . . . has virtually dropped any further nationalisation".

The construction industry is only too aware that at the Labour Party Conference in October the National Executive Committee's proposals for nationalising, by stages, this industry were accepted without a word of dissent. Last week Mr Wedgwood Benn, in his so-called left-wing manifesto for Labour in the next election, stated, "Public ownership is back on the agenda".

If these events do not reflect Government thinking, let it say so clearly.

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
C. P. MORLEY, President,
National Federation of Building Trades Employers,
82 New Cavendish Street, W1.
February 2.

Amateurs in choirs

From Mr P. B. Soul

Sir, Mr C. Spencer (February 1) insists that the Philharmonia Chorus will not be put out of business by Equity—yet the union has already caused his choir to withdraw from a forthcoming concert (report, January 14).

Can he be certain that Equity will not picket future rehearsals (presumably declaring the chorus to be a closed choir), or that the Musicians' Union will not call its members out in symphony?

I am beginning to wonder whether our performance of *Belshazzar's Feast* on February 12 will even reach the point where we sing:

The trumpeters and pipers are silent,
And the harpers have ceased to harp.

Yours faithfully,
P. B. SOUL, Secretary,
Harlow Chorus,
44 Greygoose Park,
Harlow,
Essex.
February 1.

NUJ hearings

From Mr Robert Norris

Sir, The issue of your newspaper dated January 26 carried a report headlined: "75 journalists disciplined".

There is no question of journalists having been disciplined: if there is any disciplinary action it will be taken by the National Executive Council of the union on February 10, when it will receive a report from a complaints panel.

The report contained the following sentence: "It is understood that recommended penalties have included severe reprimands, notations on individual records, and fines of a day's pay." I wish to state categorically that not only did this information not emanate from me in my telephone conversation with your reporter on January 25, but that it was also inaccurate information that he was given.

It is a matter of paramount importance that recommendations of complaints panels are kept confidential prior to their being considered by the union's National Executive. This confidentiality is essential if the union's disciplinary procedure is to be respected and effective. I in fact made this point quite clear to your reporter.

I can, however, say that the list of penalties in the sentence I have quoted is inaccurate.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT NORRIS, National Organizer,
National Union of Journalists,
Acorn House,
314-320 Gray's Inne Road, WC1.
January 26.

Advertising bad spelling

From Mr Bertrand T. Whitehead

Sir, Twenty years ago, when I adapted the Middle English injunction, "Drinke pynte mylke daie", I little thought that I would be held responsible for the poor spelling of a whole subsequent generation.

Those who have benefited from the millions of pounds spent on public education might now expect to be "officially encouraged" in some such way as "Consumers are recommended to maintain a diurnal input of 567 ml of lactic beverages".

But which is the more literate?

Yours faithfully,
BERTRAND T. WHITEHEAD,
14 Church Street,
Buckingham.
February 1.

Electoral register prices

From Mr K. T. Boyd and Mr Paul Harris

Sir, We learnt yesterday (January 25) from a district electoral registration officer that, under the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations, 1978, the cost of electoral registers is to be increased by 100 per cent with effect from February 15, 1978, which is the publication date of new registers this and every year. We understand that the Regulation authorizing this increase has yet to be laid before Parliament and believe that the increase was unsuspected by registration officers until this week.

While recognizing that inflation affects the production of electoral registers as it affects everything else, we are appalled that an increase of this magnitude should be announced at all (the Price Commission would, surely, never permit such an increase by a commercial organization) and, particularly, that it should come to the notice of those concerned so shortly before its effect.

Many market research companies need electoral registers for the conduct of their business and have to budget for the cost of them. It is a sad reflection on the administration of a government department (the Home Office, in this case) that small companies of the kind we are concerned with should be bullied into accepting a revision of their budgets at short notice, or, alternatively, into revising their plans to allow for the purchase of only half the registers that they judged were needed.

This action would seem to be a minor, but to some, important, example of a lapse into commercial insensitivity by a bureaucracy.

Yours sincerely,
K. T. BOYD,
Chief Statistician,
Research Bureau Limited.
P. T. HARRIS,
Chief Statistician,
NOP Market Research Limited,
PO Box 203,
Green Bank, E1.

Farmworkers' wages

From Mr N. W. Jephcott

Sir, I find it most anomalous to discover that, under the new Agricultural Wages Board Laws of 1978, one is instructed by law to pay Grade 1 Agricultural workers an increase of 16 per cent when, at the same time, one is not permitted to exceed the 10 per cent limit imposed by that same Government.

Yours faithfully,
N. W. JEPHCOTT, Chairman,
Portlemouth Estates Ltd,
Rickham Farm,
East Portlemouth,
Salcombe,
South Devon.

future of Belize

Mr Amos A. Ford

o many speculative and cynical nents have been made concern- he fate of Belize and its people I think it is time someone with ient personal knowledge and cts in Belize and the districts, omething meaningful to say. I Belize national and for over ears the President of the iation of Belizeans in the d Kingdom. My contact with n officials at the Foreign over the years concerning is well-known to the Foreign ommonwealth Office.

return to the substance of this I want to make it clear d any shadow of doubt that iews of the Belize people, in and here in London, is that country is not negotiable in anner whatever! The British ament must find a way of lling the legitimate aspira- of the Belize people to self- ination with the need to find equitable and lasting solution border dispute which exists the Republic of Guatemala of a "land-surrender") north h of the country.

aps there could be some con- ion given to a joint operation n the two countries in open- an all-weather arterial trunk etween Belize and Guatemala, could afford the latter a outlet to the Atlantic as a route. This arrangement uld should be enshrined in a ression treaty between and Guatemala and carried ogical conclusion by ratifica- nd incorporation in the of the United Kingdom.

ations and insinuations of trustworthiness of Premier Price to carry his country reign independence should down once and for all! I servations of the Premier, y certainly do not amount rding him as a potential to his people! I think that turity and experience in ional and domestic politics e sufficient to warn him if did entertain any idea of betrayal of the Belize

The allegation that if he became President he would move towards some form of personal despotism is equally invalid and absurd! Like myself and the people of Belize, Premier Price is without doubt aware that the opposition party in Belize in general and the people in particular are capable and resolute enough to stamp out any move towards despotism from whatever quarter it may raise its ugly head.

Sincerely,
AMOS A. FORD, President,
Association of Belizeans in the United Kingdom,
28 Barratt Avenue,
Wood Green, N22.

From Mr Anthony Kershaw, MP for Stroud (Conservative)

Sir, Mr A. W. D. Disney (letter, January 31) wrote to you on January 26 to suggest that if Britain had built a good tarmac road from Belize to the Guatemalan frontier the Guatemalans would have been willing to give up all claims to Belize.

Mr Disney lives in cloud cuckoo land. Does he really imagine that Guatemala would give up their long maintained claim to sovereignty for the sake of a road. Does he further realize that such a road would be, in that terrain, the best, indeed possibly the only, practical invasion route. Why should we make straight the road before them?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY KERSHAW,
House of Commons.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

February 3: The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Air Vice-Marshal Brian Stanbridge at the Memorial Service for Mr Philip Wills which was held at St Clement Danes Church, Strand, today.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Mr Simon Ames.

Birthdays today

The Hon Sir Clive Bossom, 60; Lord Shawcross, QC, 76; Dr Hugh Sinclair, 68; Sir Vincent Tewson, 80; Dr P. E. Thompson Hancock, 74; Dame Mabel Tylecote, 82.

TOMORROW: Lieutenant-General Sir Clarence Bird, 93; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser of North Cape, 90; Lord Gibson, 62; Professor Sir Alan Hodgkin, 64; Sir Antony Hornby, 74; Wing Commander R. A. B. Learoyd, VC, 65; Mr John Pritchard, 57; the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, 74; Dr Dirk Stikker, 81; Sir Bruce White, 93.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Patrick Libby to be director of productions of the English National Opera North.

Professor C. L. Campos, Licence-ès-Lettres (Paris), Diplôme d'Études Supérieures, PhD (Cantab), Professor of French at University College Dublin, to be *director of the British Institute in* Paris from October 1 in succession to Professor F. Scarfe, who is retiring.

The following have been appointed members of the reconstituted Scottish Advisory Committee to the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work. They are to serve for three years under the chairmanship of Professor *Phyllida Parsloe, Professor* of Social Work at Aberdeen University:

Mr J. G. Bailey, Mr I. D. Baillie, Mr G. B. Bubb, the Rev F. S. Gibson, Mrs P. Herriot, Miss V. Hiddleston, Mr N. R. F. Law, Professor F. M. Martin, Dr G. Michael, Mr J. Rea, Miss D. Sinclair.

Legal

Mr T. J. Law to be county court and district registrar in the *Cambridge group of courts,* in succession to the late Mr Registrar Tyrer.

Mr J. R. S. Smyth to be a stipendiary magistrate for the county of West Midlands.

Prospective candidate

Mr Ronald Rickford, aged 43, a publicity officer, has been selected as National Front prospective parliamentary candidate for Northampton, North. The seat was retained for Labour at the last general election by Mrs Maureen Colquhoun with a majority of 1,538.

Latest wills

Mr Cyril Hall, of Solihull, newsagent, left £57,816 net. After personal bequest of £200, he left three fifths of the residue to the RSPCA and one fifth each to Our Dumb Friends League and the PDSA.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Brown, Mr William Edward, of Esher, timber merchant .. £129,193
Fisher, Mr Frank Gerard, of Maryport, Cumbria £273,217
Griffiths, Mr Norman, of Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, chartered secretary £206,732
Pitcher, Mr Stephen of Wooburn Green, Buckinghamshire .. £235,983

£100,000 winner

The £100,000 Premium Savings Bond prize for February, announced yesterday, was won by number 8VF 357105. The winner lives in Dyfed.

The £25,000 winner is number 2FT 367755. The winner lives in Essex.

Joys of ecumenical table-talk with an unexpected guest

Quite the last thing I expected when spending a few days recently *with friends in rural* central Wales was to come across a Greek Orthodox monk.

One evening, with a gale blowing, the telephone lines down, radio announcements about the possibilities of flooding and the threat of a power cut, it was something of a surprise when from the darkness outside stepped the fully robed and bearded Archimandrite. Stranded en route to Cardiff from his farmhouse monastery in the Welsh mountains, he was in search of a bed for the night and had made for the nearest Roman Catholic presbytery.

Until then my meetings with Orthodoxy had been limited to stilted conversations with formidable if not brusque clergy in the Holy Land and Crete. On this occasion I remembered, however, the impact Archibishop Antony Bloom had made when speaking to Oxford undergraduates on the value of prayer. The chance of entertaining an Orthodox monk was not to be passed by.

Our conversation that evening began with the increasing interest of the West in Orthodox spirituality, especially *among young people.* Seated before the blazing fire that night one listened intently as he told us about starerz and holy men on Mount Athos, the value of the Jesus Prayer, legends of Seraphim of Sarov, as well as explaining the mystical significance attributed to the Pentagon, and about the five ancient Patriarchs of Rome, Constantinople, Jerusalem, Antioch and Alexandria.

Only at supper, where the presence of so Latin a dish as steaming spaghetti Bolognaise was perhaps provocation enough, did it become apparent that East and West were indeed almost worlds apart. And this was despite the constant reminder that the late Patriarch of Constantinople had been totally sincere in his frequent utterance that he wished to share the chalice with his elder brother (meaning the Pope) and in his communications with Rome.

Historians, I thought, may tell us accurately that the definitive break between East and West occurred in 1054. Volumes have been written not only about the "filioque" clause in the creed, but also about Orthodox attachment to the first seven ecumenical councils in the life of the Church, and such repeated attempts at reunion as were made at Lyon in 1274 and Florence in 1439, but here was something more.

It was not only that adherents of Orthodoxy have *long memories and strong feelings.* Even the monk-priest across the supper table from we was still capable of feeling resentment at what he thought of as Jesuit intrigues with the Sublime Port in the eighteenth century. He remained hurt even now at the existence in the nineteenth century of a Latin Cardinal in the Roman curia bearing the honorary title of Patriarch of Constantinople. Behind him one was aware of the eight million Greeks, 80 million Russians, Romanians, Slav, and Bulgars, not to mention others in Cyprus, Albania, Poland and Czechoslovakia or emigrés in the West who felt like him.

No, at the root of what now occasionally caused voices to be raised round the table was something more profound; it was theological. Furthermore, its beginnings went back to Tertullian and Cyprian in the third century, reached a climax in the time of Augustine and were consolidated by the medieval schoolmen.

What became apparent was that the Orthodox monk's thought processes kept returning to the incarnation as the occasion for the start of man's redemption. It was the incarnation of the Son of God which for him revealed what theologians term the immanent economy of the Trinity, and which affected not simply men as individuals but the whole cosmic order. It was this outlook which enabled him to speak of the divinization of the world, the first proof of which was Christ's resurrection.

While fully agreeing with him, the rest of us had (if never exclusively) been reared in a tradition which primarily regards the incarnation as the way in which the only agent capable of rendering satisfaction for sin had entered human history; atonement and forgiveness were key words, the cross had always been central.

As the Archimandrite bade us goodnight before retiring, I reflected that if unity between East and West is ever to return it seems clear that these two fundamental and complementary truths must somehow be synthesized. Sooner or later, no matter how much greater cooperation *occurs between the churches* on the ecumenical front, this basic difference will otherwise remain.

In the meantime, perhaps the West might do worse than continue to tap the fund of Orthodox spirituality, uninterrupted by either Reformation, Renaissance or Enlightenment upheaval, and the East learn from Western ideas on the development of doctrine and ecclesiastical discipline. But even in Brecon it became clear that the task of bridging the break of nine centuries will require more than brotherly hospitality and friendly talk.

David Forrester

Assistant Priest, St Edmund's, Chandler's Ford

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. M. Gush and Miss H. M. Aits

The engagement is announced between Simon Motyer, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. S. Gush, of 15 Elgood Avenue, Northwood, Middlesex, and Hermance Marjan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Aits, of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and formerly of Moor Park, Hertfordshire.

Mr A. L. Hazell and Miss D. J. Agnew

The engagement is announced between Alistair, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Hazell, of Glan Conwy, North Wales, and Deirdre, daughter of Dr and Mrs S. A. Agnew, of Sibford Gower, Oxfordshire.

Mr D. Hedley Goddard and Miss C. A. Pilarczyk-Sullivan

The engagement is announced between David, second son of Mr and Mrs A. Goddard, of Sonning, Berkshire, and Colleen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Pilarczyk-Sullivan, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr D. Monksfield and Miss M. S. Jesudason

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs K. Monksfield, of Cheam, Surrey, and Michelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Jesudason, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Mr M. R. Winward and Miss R. J. Lonbay

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Dr and Mrs A. Winward, of Fircroft, Fernside Lane, Sevenoaks, and Retina, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs E. Leiser Lonbay, of Craythornes, New Romney, Kent.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr Mark and Lady Jacqueline Thomson and granddaughter of the Marquess of Reading, was christened Daisy Jacqueline Carol in the Crypt *Chapel of the Palace of Westminster* on Thursday by the Rev A. Hobbs. The godparents are Mr Ranulf Rayner, Mr Paul Martin, Mr Andrew Hedges, Miss Jennifer Collen-Smith, Miss Kate Parker and Countess Compton.

Today's engagements

Exhibitions: The Trumpet shall Sound, a selection from the EMI collection of vintage phonographs and gramophones, Science Museum, 10-6; Iqbal, Philosopher of the East, and William Hazlitt, essayist, British Museum, 10—5.

Theatre: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,* children's theatre, Blessed Sacrament Shrine, Clayton Square, Liverpool, 7.30.

Antique and Collectors' Fair, Chester Town Hall, 9.30.

Walks: Hidden London, guided outing, four interiors, meet Holborn Underground station, 10, £2.50; Discovering London, Covent Garden, meet Embankment station, 2.

Tomorrow

Exhibitions: The Order of St John of Jerusalem, 1877-1977, Imperial War Museum, 2-5.50; Carved, Modelled, Constructed, different aspects of twentieth-century British sculpture, Tate Gallery, 2-6; The WRNS, 1917-1977, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, 2.30-6.

Antiques Fair: Hilton Hotel, Kensington, 11-6.

Walks: Legal and Illegal London, Inns of Court, meet Holborn Underground station, 11; A Royal Walk, London and the Monarchy, meet Green Park station, 2.

New items to go on show at V and A

By our Arts Reporter

The Victoria and Albert Museum is about to reopen three of its exhibition rooms which have been closed for four years for modernization and rebuilding.

It will represent a dramatic new arrangement of the museum's seventeenth-century Continental collections and many new treasures, acquired, lent, restored or rediscovered during the period of closure will be on display alongside familiar masterpieces.

Mr Simon Jervis, deputy keeper of the furniture and woodwork department, said that items like textiles could now be shown to some extent without glass. Also on display would be musical instruments which needed very careful humidity balance.

"The galleries, which are below ground level, had one wall made up of windows, which meant a rather gloomy light filtering across; we have put in a false wall and this increases the display area by quite a large amount."

The work cost £97,000. The galleries, which reopen on February 14, feature a treasure cabinet of glittering Mannerist objects in amber, crystal, ebony, lapis-lazuli, enamel, ivory, silver and precious stones; and after a room of superb French, Spanish and German *cabinets comes the great gallery* of baroque sculpture.

Bernini's "Thomas Baker" and Algardi's "Cardinal Zacchia" preside over works by Duquesnoy, Foggini, Soldani and Veyrier, against a background of Italian embroideries, Flemish tapestries and Spanish counter-Reformation silver on a grand scale.

A French farmhouse room leads to silk chasubles and exquisite swords and guns; and finally, after a room lined with blue and white Portuguese tiles and tin-glazed pottery from all over Europe come two great bays in which the finest Dutch floral marquetry faces French embroideries and gilt Italian furniture from Mentmore and from the house of William Makepeace Thackeray.



A silver-gilt Spanish monstrance in the V & A collection.

Museum pays £10,200 for fragment of Mogul carpet

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A fragment of a seventeenth-century Mogul carpet was purchased by the Museum of Islamic Art in Jerusalem for £10,200 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000) at a Lefevre and Partners sale in London yesterday.

It is the type of carpet woven for Shah Jehan and his courtiers with rows of flowering plants on a red ground. The carpet must originally have been shaped to fit around some architectural feature. Its longest sides measure 5ft 1in and 5ft. Some areas are worn, but according to the auctioneers have been stabilized.

The sale also included a late-fifteenth or early-sixteenth-century Ushak "Holbein" carpet at £25,000 (estimate £20,000 to £25,000), which was probably sold to a museum. The carpet measures 7ft 8in by 4ft 6in, with a few parts rewoven. The sale totalled £156,000, with four pieces unsold.

A simple, pear-shaped silver teapot of about 1732 was sold at Sotheby Parke Bernet, New York, on Thursday for $47,000 (estimate $14,000 to $18,000), much the highest price ever realized by a silver teapot. The value reflects the historic significance of the piece. It was made by Peter van Dyck of New York probably as a christening gift for his second cousin, Elizabeth Loutit (born 1732).

It was sent for sale by Robert Lenox Dwight, a descendant of Elizabeth. Even the work of the great American silversmith, Paul Revere, has not matched that price at auction. His most expensive teapot made $37,000 in 1976. The work of English silversmiths never matches this price bracket. The teapot was bought by S. J. Shrubsole.

The two-session sale of Americana made £199,769, with 22 lots unsold.

A sale of Victorian pictures at Christie's yesterday attracted strong competition totalling £312,040, with 6 per cent unsold. Jay's Fine Art of Liverpool paid the top price of £9,500 (estimate £7,000 to £10,000) for a pair of paintings by Abraham Solomon entitled "Waiting for the Verdict" and "The Acquittal", dated 1859. The paintings were at Christie's in 1972, when they sold for £5,800.

Christie's held a sale of furniture and carpets in New York on Thursday totalling £205,114, with 3 per cent unsold. A group of 40 lots consigned by the executors of the late J. Paul Getty made £58,277. Phillips also sold furniture and decorations in New York. Their two-day sale on Wednesday and Thursday recorded a much lower unsold percentage than their first sales this year. The total was £50,500, with 5 per cent unsold.

£88,700 paid for stamps: £10,500 *was paid at Stanley Gibbons's sale* yesterday for a mint 1927 Newfoundland 60 cents black De Pinedo air stamp (our Stamp Correspondent writes).

In this two-day sale of British Commonwealth stamps two rare blocks of the 1880-1881 Cyprus overprints on Great Britain made good prices. A block of 60 of the ½d from plate 15 made £3,100 (estimate £2,500) and a block of 72 of the "halfpenny" surcharge on the 1d, plate 201, made £4,500 (estimate £3,500). The total was £88,700.

Dinners

Mr J. Peyton, MP

Mr John Peyton, MP, entertained members of the Old Tauntonian *Association at dinner at the* House of Commons yesterday. Those present included Mr M. H. N. Button, president of the association, Mr N. S. Roberts, Headmaster of Taunton School, and Dr J. M. Rae, Headmaster of Westminster School.

Old Blundellian Club

The Old Blundellian Club held their annual dinner at the Army and Navy Club yesterday evening. Mr T. V. Clough was in the chair and the guest of honour was Mr C. L. Beale. Those present included:

The Duke of Somerset, Viscount Amory (Chairman of the Governors of Blundell's), Lord Auckland, Mr Justice Park and Mr A. C. S. Gimson, Headmaster of Blundell's.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

The annual dinner of the junior organization of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held last night at the Law Society. Mr D. M. Woodman, chairman, welcomed members and guests who included the principal guest, Sir Desmond Heap, a member of the RICS General Council, and Mr F. C. Knowles, president of the institution.

Society of Apothecaries of London

The Society of Apothecaries of London held a livery dinner at their hall yesterday. Among those present were:

The Master, Mr Ian Jackson, Dr P. H. Willcox, Senior Warden, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, Junior Warden, the Ambassador of Iraq, the Right Rev G. T. Mahon, Professor Sir George Smart, Mr N. Davenport, Mr B. Granan-Bellew, Mr G. Arden, Dr J. P. Griffin, Professor A. Crisp, Mr R. Ryall, Mr J. Allen, Professor K. E. F. Hobbs and Professor D. J. Bradley.

Service dinners

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The Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Neil Cameron, Chief of the Defence Staff, were guests of the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club at dinner at Armoury House yesterday. General Sir Victor FitzGeorge-Balfour, president, presided and the other speakers were Colonel G. D. Gilchrist, the Lord Mayor, Major C. H. Martin and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Neil Cameron.

University Officer Training Corps Cardiff

The annual dinner of the University Officer Training Corps, Cardiff, was held at Cardiff Castle yesterday. Lieutenant-Colonel G. D. G. Isaac, RRW, commanding officer, presided.

Bursaries for writers

The Scottish Arts Council's final set of bursaries and awards to Scottish writers for 1977-78, making a total of £56,325, is:

Bursaries: Allan Massie (£3,000), Gerald Mangan (£3,000), Frank Thompson (£2,000), Lorn Macintyre £2,000.
Awards: Edward Boyd (£2,000), Ian Hamilton Finlay (£1,500), Munro Award (for services to Scottish Journalism): Basil Wishart, editor, "Shetland Times".

OBITUARY

MR ANDREW GOW

Classics and art at Cambridge

Mr Andrew Gow, for many years a notable figure in academic circles at Cambridge, died on February 2 at the age of 91.

Andrew Sydenham Farrar Gow was the eldest of the three sons of the Rev Dr James Gow, headmaster of Nottingham Grammar School and later of Westminster, and his wife Gertrude Everett-Green. He was born on August 27, 1886, and was christened Andrew after an uncle who was Keeper of the Royal Academy, and it may well have been from him and his circle of friends, which included Poynter and Alma-Tadema, that he first derived his interest in painting.

He was educated at Rugby, and in 1905 went with a classical scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge. In the five following years he twice won the Porson Prize, the Browne Medal, and the Oldham Scholarship, and in 1907 was Pitt Scholar. He took a first class in both parts of the tripos, securing a distinction in classical archaeology. With Rupert Brooke and Hugh Wilson (later a master at Rugby) he helped to found the Marlowe Dramatic Society, and, at the suggestion of another friend, Stephen Gaselee, he compiled a catalogue of the incunabula in Trinity library on lines laid down by R. Proctor. In 1910 he began the systematic study of early French, Italian, Dutch and Flemish painting, visiting each spring or autumn, sometimes both, picture galleries on the Continent. A year later he was elected a Fellow of Trinity and for a while took pupils.

But Cambridge was not yet to be his second home, and after a term at Winchester he was offered a mastership at Eton where he was to spend the next twelve years of his life. If at first small boys fancied from his austere manner, his irony, and his mordant wit that "Mr Gow hates the classics", his gifts as a teacher soon made themselves known. Nor were they confined to the classics, and there may still survive some who remember how as young Guardsmen during the war of 1914-18 they went down from Windsor Barracks to be instructed by him not in Greek accentuation but in the workings of the Lewis gun.

He was looking forward to becoming a housemaster when in 1925 he was invited to resume his fellowship at Trinity, with the promise of later becoming tutor. The choice was difficult. Long separation from the University made him mistrust his ability to satisfy academic standards, but these doubts were not shared by two who knew him best and, yielding to the persuasions of D. S. Robertson (soon to become Professor of Greek) and A. E. Housman, he made the change. Housman indeed had early divined his powers and saw in him a scholar of the type that he could approve.

With the assumption of the tutorship he served in turn on the Council of the Senate, on the General Board of the Faculties, was chairman of the Board of Fine Arts. More congenial was his membership, prolonged for many years, of the Fitzwilliam Museum Syndicate. With his knowledge and judgment not only in art but in policy he served the museum well.

He was over fifty when, to the surprise of many, he took up flying. But the reason was simple: he had been appointed to the board selecting candidates for the RAF and felt it his duty to get a clearer notion of an airman's experiences and of the qualities needed to face them. After he had retired from the tutorship his college paid him the compliment of making him praelector in Greek, a distinction held hitherto only by Dr Henry Jackson. In 1947 he was elected Brereton Reader in Classics in the university. Honorary doctorates were conferred on him by Durham and Edinburgh Universities.

Since 1913 he had contributed to classical journals a substantial number of articles mostly upon Theocritus: in the two finely printed volumes of 1950 there is learning in abundance, controlled by a rectitude of judgment that shunned irrelevance and admitted no personal bias. In 1953 he produced, with his great friend A. F. Scholfield, an edition of Nicander. When nearly eighty years of age he followed this with an edition of the remains of Machon, a little-known Hellenistic versifier, and in 1965 a major edition of the Hellenistic epigrams in the *Greek Anthology,* in which he had help from Professor D. L. Page. Three years later appeared another instalment of the epigrams, the *Garland* of Philip, in which their roles were reversed.

To many Gow appeared as a rather grim censorious person, gifted with a tartness of language that lost nothing in its delivery. Fastidious, with a high sense of duty, he was scornful of what he reckoned as *slipshod, pretentious, ill-considered.* His prejudices were strong, and he did not conceal them, though in matters of moment they seldom betrayed him into decisions hasty or unfair.

The letters which he wrote month by month to pupils in the forces during the Second World War reveal a different and wholly amiable side of his character. In them he is as his friends knew him—wise, warmhearted, and possessed of a rich sense of humour. To his discreet and efficient sympathy Housman, who had long learnt its value, at the close of his life paid this tribute: "No one could have a better friend than I have found in Gow."

He was a fellow of the British Academy, for some years a trustee of the National Gallery, and a member of the committee of the National Art-Collections Fund. Until physical disabilities put a stop to them his recreations were fishing, the royal game of tennis, and skating, at which he was an excellent performer.

Among the portrait-drawings of fellows of Trinity, a series begun at Gow's own suggestion, there is no portrait of him. Repeated solicitations could not bring him to sit to any artist. His own collection of drawings, mainly of the modern French School, he bequeathed to the Fitzwilliam Museum. He was unmarried.

CANON B. F. L. CLARKE

Lord Esher and Miss Margot Eates write:

Basil Clarke was appointed a member of the Advisory Board for Redundant Churches when it was first established in April, 1969, and his vast erudition and delightfully dry wit have enlivened our meetings and informed our counsels. Though he was an essentially shy and retiring man he could expand in the company of fellow spirits, *who appreciated his critical approach* to architecture, and his understanding of design and craftsmanship. Your obituary laid stress upon his expertise in the Victorian gothic and on his contribution to the better understanding of the nineteenth-century church building, but it should not be forgotten that this knowledge of the Georgian and medieval styles from which it sprang was no less extensive, and that he could discuss with equal perception, and critical detachment, the tooling of a twelfth century voussoir and the planning of a late nineteenth century urban church.

Basil's encyclopaedic knowledge of the whole range of English architectural styles was based on first-hand observation. He had visited and card-indexed over 8,500 ecclesiastical buildings in Britain during the course of what he referred to as his "church crawls"; he had examined and recorded countless faculties in dioceses and county registries; and he had amassed a store of extracts from material relating to the history and *personalities of the eighteenth and* nineteenth century architects and restorers. His approach was invariably marked by a scholarly detachment, as was exemplified by his remarking on the Victorian restoration of a medieval church in Lincolnshire that it was remarkable how much damage the architects had managed to do for a mere £315.

It must be a cause of deep sorrow to his many colleagues, all of whom became his friends and admirers, that Basil Clarke should have been taken from them when he still had so much to contribute in the field of ecclesiological studies. We shall not see his like again.

MR J. H. R. LYNAM

A Correspondent writes:

Professor Hanbury has recently drawn attention to Joc Lynam's remarkable career as headmaster of the Dragon School, Oxford, but the picture will be incomplete if some men*tion is not made of the far* wider fields in which this outstanding schoolmaster and magnetic character made his mark.

In the first place he was a most talented sportsman, who, besides being a magical fly half though overshadowed by H. G. Kittermaster, was a fine wicketkeeper, appearing at Lords for Rugby School and "keeping" for Oxfordshire in 1923. In hockey especially did he make his mark, introducing the game to Rugby School while a schoolboy, gaining an Oxford Blue and making a considerable reputation for himself and his country abroad.

Secondly he did *a great deal* of work for the boys' clubs of London, in particular the Rugby Clubs in Notting Hill and the Oxford and Bermondsey Club. By taking boys from the Dragon to the Rugby Club Camp at New Romney, and by allowing the Oxford and Bermondsey Club to camp at the school during the war, he did much to introduce children and adults of different walks of life to each other, to the great advantage of both, making lasting friendships in the process.

Thirdly, he served for no less than eighteen years on the council of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, being its chairman for two consecutive years during the Second World War. He did much here to help bring these schools up to date and to liberalise their outlook.

Lastly he was concerned for the well-being of others, especially those in need of help, can an exceptionally happy School, and spent his *last twelve years in partnership* with his devoted wife, Barbara, whom he married within a week of retirement in 1965.

Major Sir Christopher Nixon, Bt, MC, died suddenly on January 31 at the age of 59. He served (with the Gurkha Brigade) in Burma, winning the MC. Later he served in Palestine, Egypt and Korea. He succeeded to the baronetcy in 1945. From 1970 he was secretary of the British Association of Occupational Therapists.

Dr James Lawrence Bunting Ansell, who was called to Sandringham on the death of King George VI in 1952, died at his home in Dersingham, Norfolk, yesterday. He was 63, and was surgeon apothecary to the Royal household at Sandringham for 16 years. He retired in 1965 for health reasons.

Memorial services

Mr P. Wills

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Air Vice-Marshal Brian Stanbridge and the Prince of Wales by Mr R. A. S. Ames at a memorial service for Mr Philip Wills held yesterday at St Clement Danes. The Rev G. R. Renowden officiated. Mr Jack Reynolds, chairman, George Wills and Sons (Holdings), read from *The Universe and Dr Einstein,* by Lincoln Barnett, and Mr Anthony Smith gave an address. Others present included:

Mrs Wills (widow), Mr Christopher Wills and Mr Justin Wills (sons), Mr and Mrs Stephen Wills (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs P. Winchester (son-in-law and daughter), David Nicholas and Antonia Wills (grandchildren), Miss Doris Wills, Mrs S. Wills, Mr P. G. Wills, Mrs G. Cornish, Major-General and Mrs J. Robertson, Mr Michael Wills, Mrs S. Powell.

The Countess of Selkirk, Viscount Runciman of Doxford, Lady Coleridge, Lady Macnaghten, Air Marshal Sir Rex Roe (RAF Gliding and Soaring Association), Sir George Edwards, Sir Anthony Milward, Lady d'Erlanger, Sir Laurence and Lady Kirwan, Sir John and Lady Burrows, Sir Peter and Lady Mursell, Mrs R. Vaughan Williams, Commander and Mrs M. P. Seth-Smith, Rear-Admiral Nicholas Goodhart, Mrs E. Ardizzone, Mr Ian Scott-Hill (chairman, Royal Aero Club) with Mr F. O. Marsh (vice-chairman); Mr Roger Barrett (chairman, British Gliding Association) with Mr Kenneth Wilkinson (vice-president), Mr Peter Scott, Mr P. A. Hearne (Royal Aeronautical Society), Major Donald Scarfe (Army Gliding Association), Major Godfrey Harwood (Civil Service Aviation Association) and Mrs Harwood, Captain R. A. Neaves (British Aviation and Guild of Air Pilots), Mr J. R. Bonham (Guild of Aviation Artists) and Mrs Bonham, Mr C. R. Barnett (Flight International and Essex and Suffolk Gliding Club), Mrs A. W. F. Edwards (Cambridge University Gliding Club), Miss Marjorie Hobby (Midland Gliding Club), Mr E. FitzGerald (South Wales Gliding Club), Mr F. J. M. Bustard (Devon and Somerset Gliding Club), Mr Basil Meads (Derbyshire and Lancashire Gliding Club), Mr Walter Salomon (Rea Brothers), Mr N. C. Ward (representing London director and joint general manager, Bank of Scotland), Mr R. S. Maxwell Fendt (editor "Paper Technology and Industry"), Mr D. Buckley (Sheppards and Chase), Mr V. R. B. Smallwood (British Export Houses Association), Mr Hilary Eccles-Williams (Rabone Petersen and Company), Commander James Allan, Wing Commander F. W. Tame (RAF Benevolent Fund), and Flight Lieutenant J. Chandler (RAF Reserves Club).

Mr H. Thompson

A memorial service for Mr Harvey *Thompson was held yesterday at* St Bride's, Fleet Street. Prebendary Dewi Morgan officiated. Sir Denis Hamilton, chairman and editor-in-chief, Times Newspapers, read the lesson, and Mr Marmaduke Hussey, managing director and chief executive, Times Newspapers, gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Thompson (widow), Mrs Esther Thomson (mother), Dr M. R. Thompson (brother).

The Hon Peter Brooke, MP, the Hon Alan Hare and Mr A. G. Cox ("Financial Times"), Lady Hamilton; Mr Gordon Brunton (managing director and chief executive, Thomson Organisation) with Mr W. C. Golding, Mr David Cole, Mr James Evans and Mr Ian Clubb; Mr Michael Mander (deputy chief executive and marketing director, Times Newspapers) with Mr William MacLeod, *Mr William Rees-Mogg (editor, "The* Times"), Mr Harold Evans (editor, "The Sunday Times"), Mr and Mrs Derek Jewell, Mr John Grant, Mr Louis Heren, Mr Michael Hamlyn, Miss Margaret Allen, Mr Ernest Russell, Mr Michael Hardy, Mr Brian MacArthur, Mr and Mrs Fred Owen, Mr and Mrs Donald Barratt, Mr John Carr, Mr and Mrs Tudor Hopkins, Mr Fred Nixson, Mr Richard Selmon, Mr Frank Giles, Mr Nibbs Davis, Mr E. C. Hughes, Mr B. Chadband (representing Sogat (Process Provers' Chapel)), Mr H. Featherstone (chairman, Slade Chapel, TNL), Mr J. Wade, Mr Les Dixon, Mr John Carey, Mr E. T. Wellham, Mr V. Limpenny, Mr R. Edmead and Mr B. Dudley (NGA), Mr John Dixey (Institute of Practitioners in Advertising), Mr John Le Page and Mr A. Ketterer (NPA), Mr Owen O'Brien and Mr John Moakes (NATSOPA), Mr Eric Cheadle, Mr Dugal Nisbet-Smith, Mr W. L. Dalrymple (John Menzies), Mr P. K. Drury (Herbert Smith and Company), Mr P. Robinson (British Printing Corporation), Mr Robert Cole (Readers *Pension Committee), Mr R. E. Blair* (Abitibi-Price), Mr David Owen (British International Paper and Canadian International Paper), Mr Jocelyn Stevens, Mr Mike Murphy and Mr Charles Wright (Beaverbrook Newspapers), Mr Tom Mumford and Mr David Bune (Associated Newspapers), Mr B. G. Botten and Mr D. B. Minkoff (Extel), Mr Peter Gibbings, Mr G. D. Taylor, Mr J. Markwick, Mr W. Phillips, Mr Michael Jack, Mr K. Murphy and Mr J. C. Collins ("The Guardian").

Mr John Cole, Mr Alan Cox, Mr Brian Nicholson and Mr Roger Harrison ("The Observer"), Mr Charles Hunter and Mr A. Russell Crook (System Development Corporation), Mr N. Cottam (Press Papers), Mr E. J. Cuffe-Adams (Reed Paper and Board UK), Mr John Barrons and Mr Frank Barlow (Westminster Press), Mr Frank Rogers, Mr John Ryan and Mr Alan Butler (East Midland Allied Press), Mr Christopher Dudney (J. and J. Maybank), Mr Percy Roberts and Mr Joseph May (Mirror Group Newspapers), Mr Charles Brinsden and Mr P. Robinson (Sun Printers, Watford), Mr H. M. Stephen ("The Daily Telegraph"), Mr G. King (Widnell and Trollope), Mr A. Freedman and Mr Andy Harvie ("Manchester Evening News"), Mr Walter Tracy, Mr John Inman, Mr Christopher Thomson, Mr J. G. Ingouville, Mr R. Pritchard, Mr G. D. Forman, Mr John Collier, Mr Alan Butlin, Mr V. Paus, Mr H. J. F. Kohler (Limco Paper Sales), Mr B. Matthews, Mr John Smith, Mr A. W. Dyer, Mr Paul Marchetti, Mr Ted Blackburn, Mr William Heeps, Mr Douglas Long, Mr Robert Lamb, Miss *Enid Knowles,* Miss Joan Crockford, Miss Audrey Buxton, Miss Diana Braybrook, Miss Sue Lysaght, Mr Peter Roberts.

Mr J. Johnston, Mr P. S. Johnson, Mr I. G. Chalmers, Mr C. M. Hoare, Mr D. Rose, Mr R. Krefting, Mr Peter Hetherington, Mr C. Gardiner, Mr Robert Ducas, Mr H. O. Parker, Mr A. H. Bayliss, Mr E. G. Gregory, Mr Kenneth Fleet, Mr Raymond Mountain, Mr K. S. Mallard, Mr Ken Hall, Mr J. Davenport, Mr Jack Sefton, Mr Ron Hinton, Mr David Robson, Mr G. F. Mayes, Mr S. Paterson, Miss Fiona Campbell, Mr Humphrey Metzgen, Mr Malcolm Tallantire, Mr Stanley Carter, Mr Brian Packham (also representing "The Times" chapter, Institute of Journalists), Miss Sandra Brind, Mr Michael Paterson-Jones, Mr Adrian Peter, Mr G. L. Darker, Mr R. Henry Smith, Mr George Ransard, Mr Alan Gray, Mr John Oliver, Mr Ron Foy, Mr S. V. Stephens, Mr G. M. Richardi, Mr R. Evans, Mr T. Hayes, Mr John Burt, Mr Colin Kyte, Dr A. P. Nattalin, Mr G. Geraghty, Mr M. A. Bullard, Miss Judy Clarke, Mr George Vowles, Mr J. Wise, Mr R. Postlethwaite, Mr G. Wenden, Mr Denis Styles, Mr T. J. Gilbert, Miss Janet Drummond, Mrs J. Emery, Miss Angela Wade, Mr John Kavanagh, Mr R. Saunders, Mr Peter Mitchell, Mr Bill Hawkins, Mr Stanley Daw, Mr John Whapham, Mr D. Argyle, Mr S. Edmunds, Mr Desmond Hayes, Mr Clive Lovesey, Mr Rodney Simons, Miss Belinda Bell, Mr Andrew Shanks, Mr Colin Pettet, Miss Nancy Wolf Papadopoulos and Miss Carolina Dunne.

Requiem Mass

Mr P. O'Connor

The Ambassador for the Republic of Ireland was represented by Mr Richard O'Brien at a requiem Mass for Mr Paddy O'Connor which was celebrated yesterday at St. Anne's, Regent's Park. Father Jeremiah Ryan was the celebrant, assisted by Mgr Bruce Kent, Fathers W. J. Cagney, Patrick Mee, Patrick Hackett, John McGrath, William Dempsey and Austin Williams (*Director of the* St George's Community Trust, Chelsea). Those present included:

Mr Lawrence Bains (Chairman of the GLC) with Mr Bernard Brook-Partridge, Councillor Roy Shaw and Mr John Branagan, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Camden, Mr Jock Stallard, MP, Mr Gerard Fitt, MP, Mr Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, Mr T. Dunne (Aer Lingus), Mr Noel O'Connell (Irish Texts Society), Mr Mark Maroney, Dr Larry Morton and Mr John Nee (Irish Centre).

Services tomorrow: Quinquagesima

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Bishop of Kensington, TD and Jub (Stanford in C); HC, 11.30, Mass for 4 voices (Byrd), Int, Ubi caritas et amor (Duruflé); Evensong, 3.15, Canon Sam Woodhouse, Mag and ND (Goss in E), A, Ubi caritas et amor (Brian Easdale).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Ben (Dyson in F), The Revival (Rubbra), Canon E. G. Knapp-Fisher; HC (said), 11.40; Evensong, 3, Collegium Regale (Howells), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Rev D. S. Painter; Organ recital, 6.5; E, 6.30, the Dean.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: Eucharist, 11, O quam gloriosam (Victoria), A, Ave verum (Byrd), Canon Peter Spink; Evensong, 3.30 (Dyson in F), A, My heart is inditing (Handel), the Provost.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30 and 11.15, Int, If ye love me (Tallis), Canon D. R. Vicary.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): Sung Eucharist, 11.15 (Stanford in C), Rev R. Bence.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, 8 and noon; 11, Confirmation and HC, Right Rev A. W. M. Weekes.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: HC, 8 and noon; M, 11, Rev R. T. J. R. Wood.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; 11.15, Canon E. A. James, A, Though I speak (Bairstow).

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited (entry via Lincoln's Inn Fields gateway)): M, 11.30, Rev B. A. C. Kirk-Duncan, A, The Lord is my shepherd (Schubert).

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, Jub (Britten), A, Sancte puerum noriaget (Byrd), the Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Bullivant in E flat), Jub (Wood in A flat), A, Doubt not thy Father's care (Elgar), the Master.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, Set me a seal (Walton), Rev E. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church), public welcomed: HC, 8.30; Choral Eucharist, 11, Rev J. Leeming (Wood in the Phrygian mode), Call to remembrance (Farrant); E, 3.30, Rev C. Wayle (Wood in E flat), Awake us, Lord, and hasten (Bach).

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): Eucharist, 11 (Batten), Mot, Ave verum corpus (Mozart); E, 3.30, Mag and ND (Harwood in A flat), A, Though I speak with the tongues of men (Bairstow).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev G. de Mello.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15; HM, 11, Rev A. W. Klukas (Schubert in B flat); E and B, 6, the Vicar (Moeran in D).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell, Messe basse (Fauré), Regina coeli (Couperin).

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Canon R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15; HC (sung), 9; M, 11, Rev C. Marnham; E, 6.30, the Vicar.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Behold, now praise the Lord (Willis).

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M (said), 10.15; Choral Eucharist, 11, Iste confessor (Palestrina), A, Salve Regina (*Lassus*) and E, 6.30 (Moeran in D), A, How goodly are thy tents (Ouseley), the Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; 11, Choral Mattins and Eucharist, Jub (Stanford in C), Rev G. Clarke; 6.30, Choral Evensong, Mag and ND (Murrill in E), A, The surrender of the soul (Cornelius), Rev W. Boulton.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev W. M. Atkins (Sumsion in F), Mot, Beati quorum via (Stanford).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street (near Centre Point): HC, 8, 12 and 7.30 pm; MP, 11, Rev P. Faunch; E, 6.30, Rev A. W. D. Bayley.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15 and E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Stanford in F), Rev J. Knight.

ST JAMES, Garlickhill (City): HC (sung), 10.30, Prebendary D. Mossman.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: M, 11, TD (Britten in C), A, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley); HC, 12.15, Canon David L. Edwards.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45, Rev C. Walker; M, 11.15, Mr N. Ingram-Smith; E, 6.30, Rev A. Couch.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev A. F. Davis; M, 11.15, Rev I. L. Robson, Greater love (Ireland); E, 6.30, Rev D. M. George, Now abideth faith hope and charity (Howells).

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: LM, 8, 9.45 and 7 pm; HM, 11, Rev M. Santer, Heredia à 4, Ave verum (Carissimi); E, 6, Solemn Benediction.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11, Prebendary F. Coventry, Mariazellermesse (1782) (Haydn), How lovely are thy dwellings fair (Brahms); E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15; Family Mattins, 11, Rev A. G. G. Pearson; 6, Rev E. G. H. Saunders.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist, 11 (Lovelock in A minor), Rev A. Henderson.

ST PAUL'S, Bedford Street, Covent Garden: SE, 11.15, Rev J. Arrowsmith.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M11, Bishop Goodwin Hudson; 6.30, Rev R. R. Townley.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: LM, 8.15 and 10; SM, 11, Monteverdi, mass for 4 voices, Exultate iusti (Victoria), Father Meir se.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8 and 12.15; MP, 11; E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 8 and 9; HM, 11, Missa super Je ne menge poinc de porg (Lassus), Rev H. Moore; E and B, 6, Rev K. Hobbs.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon (French-Beytagh, St Hugh, Willan), Mot, The Lord is my Shepherd (Greene).

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15, Rev J. Miller Scott; 6.30, Rev T. Preston.

THE ORATORY, SW7: SM, 11, Missa brevis (Palestrina); V and B 3.30, Mot: Exultentes implevit bonis (Vivaldi).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St, SM, 11 (Latin), Messe de minuit (Charpentier).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, messe mariale (Funel), ave regina caelorum (Dufay).

ESSEX UNITARIAN CHURCH: 11 am, welcomes both theists and humanists, 112, Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: Mass, 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin), 4.15 and 6.15; Noon Father P. Blake, "Salt of the Earth".

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.

KINGSWAY HALL WC (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30, Rev Lord Soper.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 Archbishop of Canterbury; and 6.30, Rev Dr R. T. Norris.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R. T. Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Margaret's, Ludgate Hill: HC 11, Rev D. C. Collingwood.

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From The Times of Tuesday, Feb 3, 1953.

Decision on Formosa

From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Feb 2.—President Eisenhower went to the Capitol this afternoon and, for the first time since he took office, spoke to a joint session of Congress and gave a general account of the policies which he proposes to follow. In his State of the Union message he was as specific as anybody had any right to expect. . . . As foreshadowed during the past three days, the President announced that he was issuing instructions that the Seventh Fleet no longer be employed to shield Communist China. This, he went on, implied no aggressive intent. Since Mr Truman ordered the fleet to neutralize Formosa on June 27, 1950. Chinese Communists had invaded Korea to attack United Nations forces there and "consequently there is no longer any logic or sense in a condition that required the United States Navy to assume defensive responsibilities" on the Chinese Communists' behalf.

Sandhurst commissions

The following officers have completed the post-university course at Sandhurst and are commissioned *to the corps and regiments shown:*

M. G. Anderson, 5 Innis DG, J. M. Archer, 1 D&D, R. F. Ash, RA, W. A. Balfour, RE, D. A. Harley, PWO, D. S. Baleson, RE, J. P. B. Beardsworth, RTR, C. E. J. Beattie, RGJ, E. T. Bollitho, Gren Gds, N. M. Bowser, SG, C. C. Brown, RA, G. R. Brown, R Anglian, R. M. Bruni, R Anglian, T. H. Bryden, SG, G. Bullivant, Int Corps, A. P. W. Campbell, A & SH, P. G. Gattermull, Kings, N. J. Chaloner, QOH, D. J. Clements, R Anglian, W. A. Common, RHF, A. P. Coulson, Para, S. R. Cox, RE, R. B. Davis, R Signals, H. M. Dixon, RE, T. E. M. Done, Gren Gds, M. P. Donovan, Int Corps, C. J. Down, RA, J. P. A. Downward, 1G, N. J. Edwards, RE, H. N. M. Eggar, RA, H. C. H. Ellison, RTR, R. A. K. Field, RHG/D, C. H. Fletcher, RB, K. E. Ferguson, REME, A. M. Fraser, RTR, T. C. Fryers, REME, C. G. Gilbert, RTR, J. M. Gunns, Para, N. Hamon, RE, A. S. Higgs, RWF, T. O. W. Higham, 16-5 L, N. M. Holland, RE, P. J. Hartfield, REME, M. A. C. Hughes, RE, A. D. Hutchison, Gren Gds, A. D. K. Inkster, RA, J. D. Jefferson, RA, R. J. Jenkinson, RE, P. N. C. Johns, IG, J. M. Lee, RRF, T. K. G. Mace, AAC, R. S. Mason, WG, E. D. Marlow, REME, W. A. J. McIvor, RGJ, C. N. McNair, QO Hldrs, M. C. D. Montagu, LI, P. J. Mostyn, RGJ, C. T. Page, R Anglian, R. D. Parkinson, RE, A. Y. Pedder, RA, L. J. Plumb, R Signals, C. H. N. Poynt, LI, W. R. Rollo, RHG/D, A. R. D. Shirreff, 14/20 H, R. W. Spooner, R Signals, V. R. Steadman, REME, P. C. Stevens, RE, N. C. J. Stewart-Richardson, Coldm Gds, A. J. Stormonth-Darling, Scots DG, M. L. Syms, WG, J. K. Tanner, Staffords, D. W. Taylor, RE, C. J. L. Thorne, RE, C. N. Van Rees, RA, A. Warner, AAC, P. A. H. J. Watson, RW, S. N. Welch, RCT, G. Whitmore, LI, M. Wicker, Kings, T. G. Wright, RGJ.

Science report

Dietetics: Salt intake link with hypertension

A reduction in the amount of salt added to food can have the same effect as the use of drugs to control high blood pressure, a group of Australian doctors say in a study reported in *The Lancet.*

Hypertension is a significant cause of death from cardiovascular disease. It was shown many years ago that salt intake is associated with high blood pressure but doctors discarded the therapy, probably because of the success of new drugs in controlling even difficult cases of hypertension.

The doctors at the Repatriation Hospital, Melbourne, studied 31 patients with high blood pressure for two years and concluded that although the drop in blood pressure was not as great as that of patients treated with drugs that was possibly due to the fact that the patients still took more salt than was desirable.

The study, with other evidence, suggests that reduction of the salt consumed by Australians by about a half would prevent an epidemic of hypertension. The implication was not that excessive salt intake was an underlying cause of all cases of hypertension but that many of its causes did *not* operate if salt intake was low.

The salt restriction proposed did not mean an unpalatable insipid diet. It merely involved a reduction in excessive salt intake prevalent because of its use in baby foods and prepared canned foods. By Our Health Services Correspondent.

Source: *The Lancet,* February 4.

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Engineering pay talks break down over difference of £3 a week

Donald Macintyre
Our Reporter

negotiations aimed at reach- new national minimum s for the engineering indus- ended in failure yesterday pite of concessions by both s.

he outcome of the talks, ch foundered on a differ- e of only £3 a week, could ngthen the possibility that unions will scrap the onal pay agreement and t entirely to local bargain-

r Hugh Scanlon, president he Amalgamated Union of ineering Workers, said after talks that it was gretfable in the extreme" in spite of the narrow separating both sides, he to report a "breakdown negotiations".

he Confederation of Ship- ding and Engineering ers is almost certain to its negotiators next k-in rejecting the last offer e by the Engineering loyers' Federation. This ld increase the skilled mini- rate from £42 to £57 a

r Scanlon said that the negotiators, who had inally asked for new scales h would give a skilled rate 70 a week, would have been ared to recommend an of £60 a week, in view ther concessions made by EEF.

ly a small minority of the members' 1.25 million ers are paid minimum , and Mr Scanlon pointed that the levels being ht by the unions still fell below real average pay s in the industry.

e offer would add 4.25 cent to the industry's wage The unions estimate that 0 a week rate for skilled ers, with prorata increases for unskilled and semi-skilled, would add 5 per cent to the wage bill.

With only 0.75 per cent separating the two sides, neither the employers' nor the union negotiators appeared to have entirely ruled out the possibility that a new national agreement could be achieved.

The critical decision lies with the AUEW's 52-man policy making national committee, which would be recalled shortly to consider the breakdown.

Mr Astley Whittall, president of the EEF, said the employers had come a "long way", and suggested they had moved "rather further than some of our members would have wanted us to".

Out of about 15 per cent of EEF members who have already made plant deals, the majority have held to government guidelines of 10 per cent.

Mr Whittall said he believed the success of employers in resisting claims outside the guidelines would continue if the unions chose to opt for local bargaining.

If agreement can be reached on pay, it will be implemented from March 1 by individual companies as anniversary dates come up. This would ensure that no company was forced to break the 12-month rule.

The EEF has argued that it wants to keep a greater part of the 10 per cent available under government guidelines for local negotiations.

Mr Scanlon noted that on matters other than minimum pay rates, "progress had been made". Although the EEF has refused to grant longer holidays or a shorter working week, it has dropped its insistence that the basis for calculating holiday pay—time-and-a-third of basic rates—should be shifted to average weekly earnings.

Pressure on the French franc is maintained

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 3

For the third consecutive day, the franc was under serious pressure on the exchanges. The dollar today topped 4.88 francs, while the Deutsche mark and the Swiss franc gained an average of about 2 per cent in relation to the French currency, as against 2 per cent on each of the preceding days.

Sterling's rise was more modest—to 9.475 francs. The Bank of France intervened yet again to support the franc for an amount estimated at some $50m (as against $150m to $200m on Thursday).

The official discount rate was raised today from 8.75 per cent to 9.125 per cent in an endeavour to stem the outflow.

The weakness of the franc has provoked—as always in this country—a sudden rise in the price of gold. The gold bar rose by 280 francs to 28,780, and the gold Napoleon by 2.60 francs to 293.00 francs.

The franc's weakness is not due to a sudden deterioration of the economic situation but to purely psychological causes, the sudden realization among foreign investors and speculators that the Left has a chance of coming to power next March.

It would appear that the spate of recent opinion polls which all confirmed the defeat of the government parties, and the Communist Party's propaganda campaign in the past fortnight on its determination to take a controlling share in a Left-wing government have been the determinant factors.

Rightly or wrongly, capital holders, foreign exchange operators, and Euromarket speculators are convinced as the financial daily *Les Echos* writes that a Left-Wing Government will mean a 20 per cent inflation rate and a United States dollar at six francs.

There is little the Government can do against such pre-election "jitters". Appeals to sanity are not much use. M Barre, the Prime Minister, confirmed the diagnosis last night by saying that the weakness of the franc was due to the "political uncertainties" which hung over the country.

"It is not explainable by technical and objective factors", he said. "The French economy is healthy. But we are dealing with floating rates upon which psychological factors have a powerful influence."

What was happening showed, he added, the importance of what was at stake in the elections. The value of a currency depended on short, medium, and long-term confidence in those responsible for that currency, that is to say in Frenchmen", he insisted.

David Blake writes: Worries of a renewed period of currency instability ahead drove the pound down by nearly a cent, to close at $1.9415. Its effective rate against a basket of other currencies fell to 66.4 per cent of its 1971 level, compared with 66.7 per cent at the close of business on Thursday.

There was heavy selling pressure from Swiss and German banks, and there were some signs that the Bank of England stepped in during the day to hold sterling steady.

Concern over pay claims, the threat of industrial action and some fears about money supply figures to be announced later this month all exerted downward pressure on the pound.

There was a general tendency for the "hard" currencies to strengthen and for weak currencies to ease still further.

Dealer acclaim for Leyland's chief

By Roger Vielvoye

For the second time in a week Mr Michael Edwardes, chairman of British Leyland, received a rousing ovation after outlining his plans for putting the ailing car company back on the road to recovery.

After getting an unexpectedly enthusiastic reception for his plans from 650 of the company's managers and union officials on Wednesday in the Midlands, yesterday he faced 2,000 dealers who sell Leyland's products throughout the country.

In fact the dealers went one better, and at the Wembley Conference Centre, London, they gave him two standing ovations and a four-point pledge of support.

Accompanied by many of his new executives, including Mr Pratt Thompson, managing director designate of Jaguar Rover Triumph, and Mr John Hirsch, who is to join British Leyland as director of car marketing staffs, he admitted that the company had not always looked after the dealers' interests properly. Poor deliveries and inadequate quality was not the way to motivate the distribution network and win public support.

But after admitting Leyland's faults he took an equally tough line with the dealers for "attributing the shortcoming in your own service bays" to the manufacturer.

"In the current climate of Leyland-bashing, the customer will almost certainly swallow the explanation that it is the fault of the factory.

"It may get an irate customer off your back for a while, but in the long term it won't help you or us in our joint objective of getting customers back into the showrooms", he added.

Mr Michael Stringer, chairman of Leyland Cars Distributors Council, said after the conference that the dealers would wholeheartedly support Mr Edwardes and would be selling the real merits of British Leyland cars and countering misinformed critics. Dealer staffs would "adopt and keep" a more positive approach to customers and would help Leyland to regain its "historical market leadership".

He added that there was a strength and depth of feeling in the dealer network which should not be underrated. "If Michael Edwardes gives us the right products in the right quantity, then we will certainly put Leyland back on the map."

"All the forecasts show that the 1978 new car market is going to be buoyant and total sales may top 1.5 million units. For the first time since 1971 we have a good stock of Leyland's volume cars and we intend to play our part in regaining market share and winning the confidence of the public for British Leyland cars".

British Leyland combined shop stewards council which met in Birmingham yesterday, laid down conditions for their continued support for Mr Edwardes's plans. The 300 senior stewards who claim to represent 160,000 car and commercial vehicle workers unanimously resolved to fight any compulsory redundancies or plant closures. They will also resist any attempt to move away from free collective bargaining.

The meeting recommended action throughout British Leyland factories to black exports for South Africa during the TUC's anti-apartheid Week of Action from March 13 to 21. Mr Derek Robinson, council chairman, said: "Nothing will leave Leyland factories for South Africa that week, be it cars, Land Rovers or trucks."

Nine hundred workers who have been laid off from Leyland car factories at Cowley because of a dispute among lorry drivers in South Wales have been told to return on Monday.

The dispute has disrupted production of the Maxi and Marina models at Cowley. Leyland says that arrangements have been made for supplies of body panels made at Llanelli to get to Cowley. Talks to settle the drivers' strike are also going on.

Three more executives for Edwardes team



Mr John Hirsch, who becomes director of marketing staffs for BL Cars.

By Clifford Webb

Mr Michael Edwardes, British Leyland chairman, yesterday announced three more senior appointments to reinforce the management team at his cars subsidiary, depleted by recent resignations.

The most significant and the only one from outside is that of Mr John Hirsch, 47, as director of marketing staffs for BL Cars, the central holding company for Austin Morris, Jaguar Rover Triumph, and BL Components.

The closure of the existing central sales and marketing set-up based at Redditch, Worcestershire, would have left a gap between the manufacturing companies who will in future handle their own sales, and those distributors covering the whole Leyland Cars range. Mr Hirsch, with a small support team, will be responsible for the development and maintenance of franchising and marketing policies for all marques.

He has a considerable track record, most of it with Ford, but also for the past four years as executive director in charge of the Lex group's motor business. His time with one of the biggest motor trade companies in the country will go a long way towards answering the complaints of Leyland distributors and dealers that their problems were not being handled sympathetically.

Mr Hirsch is representative of the growing breed of international motor executives now coming to the fore in the European motor industry. Of British extraction but born in Munich, he has an American wife.

He speaks French and German fluently, he joined Ford Britain in 1954, as an export sales representative and was subsequently managing director of Ford Switzerland, marketing plans manager for Ford Europe, and finally sales director of Ford Germany.

Mr David Simpson, 43, manufacturing director of the old Leyland Cars company is appointed managing director of Pressed Steel Fisher, the BL Components subsidiary which will handle all car body production. He will be in charge of plants at Cowley, Swindon, Llanelli, Liverpool, Castle Bromwich, and Dunstable.

Mr Harold Musgrove, 47, moves from the commercial vehicle side of the business to become manufacturing director of Austin Morris. As the top production man in the loss-making volume cars company, he will clearly have one of the most difficult jobs in the whole group.

He was general manager of the light-medium division at Truck and Bus, but has spent most of his working life in Leyland's Midland car plants beginning as an apprentice at Longbridge.

SE chairman perturbed at decline in investment

By Bryan Appleyard

Decline of the small investor due to taxation, inflation and disillusion could have a devastating effect on United Kingdom securities markets, Mr Nicholas Goodison, chairman of The Stock Exchange, said yesterday.

Speaking at a seminar held by the computer company ICL on "The changing responsibilities and current challenges of the City", Mr Goodison said the continuation of present trends would leave a market with very few but very large customers. "In short, no market at all as we know it today."

Individual investors had been selling industrial and commercial securities at the rate of more than £1,000m a year, and the signs were that the figure would be higher this year.

Mr Goodison also mentioned the long-awaited Council for the Securities Industry as a means of voluntary regulation of the markets.

"I am confident that we will achieve before very long the creation of this council and that its operation will be the effective answer to the lingering criticism of those who believe that only bureaucratic Government commissions know best", he said.

Mr Goodison called for reductions in taxation on savings and earnings as well less intervention in industry and commerce.

"It will not be easy, especially for people in power, to reverse the trend towards collective government which has been going on for the last 30 years, and to find ways of encouraging individual effort and initiative, but it must be done", he said.

Nicholas Hirst writes: The accountancy profession is sympathetic to the idea that the accountancy bodies should take part in the long-awaited Council for the Securities Industry.

It has become clear the Department of Trade was unhappy with the lack of detailed proposals on self-regulation which came out of the committee headed by Lord Cross of Chelsea, and is awaiting the outcome of the committee which has been given the task of producing practical self-regulatory plans headed by Mr John Grenside, senior partner of Peat Marwick Mitchell.

A link with the new Council for the Securities Industry could provide for Britain the self-regulatory equivalent for the accountancy profession of the role played by the Securities and Exchange Commission in the United States.

Equities continued their downward trend yesterday, leaving the *FT* ordinary share index 1.8 lower at 458.7—its lowest point for over 10 weeks.

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Mr Nicholas Goodison: only the large investors would be left.

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Aid plea by staff of Sun Alliance

By Our Industrial Editor

Executives of the newly formed Confederation of Employee Organizations are to meet on February 23 to consider the struggle between the Government and the Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group over alleged breaches of pay guidelines and the legality of Whitehall sanctions against the company.

Sun Alliance's staff association, which negotiated the pay claim at the heart of the confrontation is a member of CEO, which speaks for a number of professional, scientific, technical, and bank staff organizations.

Mr Paul Nicholson, the CEO's general secretary, said yesterday: "The Sun Alliance group staff association is entitled to ask for assistance with legal expenses, and no doubt such a request would be sympathetically considered."

Support for a legal battle will line up CEO organizations against the Government's policy of applying sanctions for breaches of a voluntary incomes policy.

Courage gains price increase of 2p a pint

By Patricia Tisdall

Courage became the second of the big breweries yesterday to gain increases through the Price Commission and gave an undertaking that it would not raise prices again until October.

A month ago Scottish & Newcastle were permitted to put through an increase against a similar assurance. Allied Breweries, the biggest of the groups to come up against the commission so far, however, have had their price notification subjected to a full-scale investigation and gained an increase only through the safeguard regulations of the Price Code.

Other brewery groups, where no decision has yet been made on price rise intentions include Whitbread, Watney-Truman and Bass Charrington.

It is understood that not all breweries are prepared to give a commitment to hold prices and there is considerable speculation that another company, tipped, because of its large size, to be Bass Charrington, will have its proposals investigated by the commission.

Meanwhile, Courage with effect from Monday, is to increase the retail price of most of its draught beers by 2p a pint. Bottled beers will go up by 1p a small bottle and wines and spirits by 1p a measure. Prices of the Courage canned beers are also being increased as are accommodation and catering charges.

In a few managed houses, where extensive and costly improvements have been carried out during the past six months, the company says the increases will be more than 2p a pint. This is to reflect the improved amenities offered, some of which have cost as much as £40,000 to £50,000.

Also to be increased are various other beers, ciders and soft drinks provided by other manufacturers whose price rises can now be passed on by Courage.

Labour MPs yesterday demanded immediate action by Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, to plug the loophole in the law which, they claim, enables brewers to put 2p on a pint of beer "with impunity". Mr Walter Johnson, Labour MP for Derby South, will lead a deputation of MPs to Mr Hattersley next week.

Court victory on tapes for Audio Magnetics

Victory was won in the High Court yesterday by the world's largest producers of recording tapes in a legal wrangle over the marketing of blank cassettes.

In the biggest dispute to hit the trade since home-made recordings became big business, claims by 24 record companies against Audio Magnetics Inc (UK), of Reading, Berkshire, the British subsidiary of an American corporation, alleging incitement to breach copyright law, and defamation, were struck out.

Mr Justice Foster said this was because the claims failed to disclose a reasonable cause of action.

He also directed that 20 of the companies which had sued Audio Magnetics should no longer be parties to the action.

They had also alleged that advertisements extolling Audio's blank tapes, incorporating a picture of artists in which four record companies held copyright, had infringed their rights.

The record companies had alleged that their pre-recorded cassette tapes had been falsely represented as defective by Audio. Audio conceded that in using pictures of certain artists in its advertisements it had infringed copyright, and had now stopped this.

But it denied other allegations and said that the mere sale of blank tapes could not amount to inciting the public to infringe copyright.

The judge said the advertisements did not imply that the pre-recorded tapes were defective. The sale of blank tapes inevitably led to wrongful copying of copyright material, but did not necessarily amount to breach of copyright.

He struck out 20 of the plaintiff companies because they had not yet suffered any breach of any of their copyrights by Audio.

He also struck out allegations that Audio had incited the public to infringe copyright, and certain other allegations.

The remaining plaintiffs, A. & M. Records Inc, its English subsidiary A. & M. Records, EMI Records, and Polydor were entitled to temporary injunctions protecting their copyright in photographs and illustrations of artists, the judge said. He left the wording of the orders to the parties.

A spokesman for the record companies said an appeal would be considered.

Former Poseidon mine halted

By Desmond Quigley

Possibly the last chapter of the extraordinary Poseidon saga has been written with the announcement that mining operations are to cease at the Windarra nickel project in Western Australia.

Windarra launched one of the most spectacular share booms of all time at the end of the 1960s and catapulted Poseidon shares into the stratosphere before the collapse came and Poseidon went bankrupt.

But if private speculators burnt their fingers with Poseidon, Shell of Australia, part of the Shell Oil group, has not done too well either. Only last year it paid Poseidon's receiver an estimated A$30m (about £17.5m) for Poseidon's 50 per cent interest in Windarra.

All mine production will have ceased by the end of June. Open cut production from South Windarra is being halted immediately, with underground operations ending in June.

The "mine, which has been producing about 13,000 tonnes of nickel a year, is the latest victim of the crisis in the nickel industry which has seen major production cuts in Canada and Australia already.

Western Mining, which holds the other 50 per cent of Windarra, reported yesterday that the shutdown has been caused by "unprecedentedly unfavourable conditions in world nickel markets".

It added that world prices made Windarra uneconomic, a situation aggravated by the rise of the Australian dollar against the United States dollar.

Shell and Western Mining, however, are trying to hold out hope for the future by stating that they will continue with exploration and underground development. Production, they say, "will be resumed when market conditions improve to make such production economic. It is not at present possible to predict when this will occur".

However, such is the state of the nickel market and the five-year prospect for the industry that it is likely to be many years before production is resumed.

New BSC pay offer to craftsmen expected

It is expected that the British Steel Corporation will make an improved pay offer today to leaders of 27,500 craftsmen.

BSC negotiators are thought likely to propose increases similar to the 9½ per cent offer made to 67,000 production workers on Wednesday. Talks with the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation on the offer ended without agreement.

The offer to the 12 unions representing craftsmen, like the original one made to the ISTC, stands at 6 per cent. It includes the same conditions of acceptance of closures.

Brown tractor deal

David Brown Tractors of Meltham, Huddersfield, has sent the first consignment of one of the largest single orders it has ever received from Japan —450 farm tractors and 185 front loaders valued at £2.5m.

Fewer US jobless

Unemployment in the United States declined to a seasonally adjusted 6.3 per cent in January, the lowest level since the 6.1 per cent rate of October, 1974, the Labour Department announced in Washington.

The rate had declined to 6.4 per cent in December from 6.7 per cent in November. In January last year unemployment was 7½ per cent.

Treasury bill rates up

Although the Bank of England's minimum lending rate remains unchanged at 6½ per cent, there was a sharp jump in Treasury Bill rates yesterday at the weekly Treasury bill tender. The average rate at which bills were allotted rose from 5.7692 per cent to 5.9275 per cent—not far short of the level that could have triggered a rise in MLR. It reflected a growing feeling that interest rates would drop no further unless uncertainties on the labour front could be resolved satisfactorily. Applications for bills also dropped sharply, from £814m the previous week to £517m. There was £300m of bills on offer.

£41m Ford strike loss

The month-old unofficial strike halting all car production at Ford's Halewood plant in Liverpool, has now cost the company 16,650 finished Escorts, worth £41m, the company said yesterday. The transmission plant closed on Tuesday, when supplies of raw materials ran out, and production of 3,000 gearboxes has also been lost. Some 1,550 of the 4,000 workforce at the company's transit van plant at Southampton have also been laid off.

N Sea divers to get self-employed tax status

By Peter Hill

Divers engaged in North Sea oil and gas operations have won their fight to be treated as self-employed workers for taxation purposes.

The Government announced last night that it was to reverse an earlier decision when the Treasury decreed that since the men were employed by contractors, they were liable to be taxed under PAYE rather than under Schedule D assessments for self-employed workers.

Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, announced in a parliamentary written answer that the Government was prepared to introduce legislation in the coming Finance Bill which would provide that earnings in the tax year 1978-79 in connexion with diving operations on the United Kingdom continental shelf were treated under Schedule D.

This will be seen as a resounding victory for the North Sea Divers Action Group which launched a campaign against the Treasury's earlier decision at the end of last year.

The group had claimed that about 250 of the estimated 1,400 divers had left the United Kingdom last year for more lucrative jobs overseas because of the Inland Revenue clampdown and gave warning that a further 700 men might well decide to move to other countries when the new offshore season begins in April.

In his announcement yesterday, Mr Sheldon said: "After a careful examination of their particular circumstances, I recognize that there are certain distinctive features about their work, such as the danger it entails, their vulnerability to long term health hazards, the exceptional travelling difficulties and the shortness of their working life."

The divers had claimed that as a result of the PAYE ruling, men were losing up to half their income compared with a quarter as self-employed workers from earnings of between £6,000 and £12,000 a year.

Leaders of the campaign claimed that the divers had also lost the right to write off against tax the cost of travelling, which could amount to £1,000 in a full year.

Last month it emerged that one of the country's leading diving companies, Taylor Diving of Great Yarmouth, a subsidiary of the American company, Brown & Root, was moving its operations to Holland, partly as a result of the Revenue clampdown.

Most of the diving companies have extensive operations on other European shores since their activities are not restricted to the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea.

There has been speculation that other companies, including the French-owned Comex concern, and KD Marine of Aberdeen, have been contemplating moving out of the United Kingdom as a base for their offshore diving operations.

The divers' campaign attracted considerable sympathy from the Department of Energy which was worried that an exodus of divers from the United Kingdom would slow down the rate of exploration and production of oil and gas from the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea.

Only a few weeks ago, however, it appeared that the prospects for persuading the Government to reverse its decision were remote.

In brief

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 192.63—0.96
The FT index: 458.7—1.8

Rises

Bishops Stores	5p to 165p	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	5p to 51p
Broken Hill	5p to 405p	Malaya Tin	5p to 290p
Gen Mtr BDR	5p to 200p	Matthews W'son	5p to 205p
Heath CE	5p to 245p	Milbury	5p to 100p
Hillards	5p to 175p	Municipal	5p to 160p
Hoechst	10p to 410p	Peko Wallsend	5p to 440p
Jardine M'son	9p to 187p	Thyssen-Huette	15p to 775p

Falls

Bk of Scotland	10p to 285p	Marchwiel	8p to 234p
Bejam Grp	4p to 60p	Norton & Wright	8p to 180p
BP	16p to 760p	Oil Exploit	14p to 216p
Brit Sugar	10p to 445p	Rowton Hotels	8p to 158p
E Rand Prop	15p to 379p	Savoy Hotel 'A'	5p to 70p
Pisons	17p to 360p	Tribune Inv	15p to 563p
Hickson Welch	10p to 510p	Western Areas	7p to 220p

Equities fell back. Gilt edged securities were sold heavily.
Dollar premium 77.50 per cent (effective rate 31.75 per cent).
Gold gained $0.25 to $174.875.
Sterling lost 80 pts to $1.9415.
The effective exchange rate index was at 66.4.
SDR-$ was 1.21281 on Friday while SDR-£ was 0.625870.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1399.4 (previous 1397.8).

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.76	1.71
Austria Sch	33.75	28.75
Belgium Fr	65.50	62.50
Canada $	2.21	2.15
Denmark Kr	11.45	11.05
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.70
France Fr	9.67	9.35
Germany Dm	4.26	4.04
Greece Dr	75.50	72.00
Hongkong $	9.20	8.75
Italy Lr	1765.00	1690.00
Japan Yn	490.00	465.00
Netherlands Gld	4.55	4.33
Norway Kr	10.24	9.88
Portugal Esc	85.50	79.50
S Africa Rd	2.00	1.85
Spain Pes	166.00	159.00
Sweden Kr	9.30	8.85
Switzerland Fr	4.00	3.78
US $	2.00	1.94
Yugoslavia Dar	39.75	37.00

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

Some years ago motorists with a number of claim-free years behind them could argue with justification that they, and others in the same position, effectively were subsidizing the premiums of those with worse records. And the elderly felt they were subsidizing the young.

The greater competition in motor insurance has meant that those inequities have been eliminated. So far as possible, insurers try to ensure that each *group* of motorists pays its "fair share" of premium.

There are, however, still some motorists who effectively are being "subsidized" by others. Some insurers accepting new business or renewals discover a gap of some weeks between the expiry of a motorist's *last policy and the start*ing date of the new insurance. This happens too often to be attributable every time to the car being off the road for that period.

Probably the motorist either was taking a chance or the broker was accepting some payment for the period and not passing it on to an insurer. *If a motorist has an* accident while technically uninsured, probably he manages to renew the expiring policy or to arrange fresh cover—and the broker may "assist" by back-dating the cover note.

The insurance market as a whole, therefore, is losing premium from those who drive without insurance during these periods; but, *probably, it is not avoiding very many* of the losses which result.

Effectively, the extra cost is met by the main body of policy-holders—as is the cost of theft claims which are fraudulent, but cannot be proved to be so.

The honest motorist is already hard pressed by rising motor premiums and the insurance industry should take a closer look at the whole area to eliminate this growing practice of "free-loading", so that, as far as possible, insurers receive the premiums due to them and use them only to pay genuine claims.

Unit trusts

Who should be paid for giving advice?

The Unit Trust Association is expected to introduce shortly new rules on the payment of marketing allowances.

Although they are believed to constitute a rather unhappy compromise on the issue the new proposals, which have not yet been presented to UTA members, are likely to be acceptable to the majority as a temporary solution. This is because there is an unwillingness to have an open dispute within the industry while the movement is trying to persuade the Department of Trade to restructure and increase management charges to unitholders.

Marketing allowances have *been a bone of contention since* they came into official existence some four years ago in response to the competitive threats of single premium equity bonds and other insurance based investment products.

The payment of a maximum extra 1¼ per cent to insurance brokers beside the 1¼ per cent commission paid to other intermediaries was reluctantly agreed by the UTA in 1973.

Although the recommendation was expected to benefit only those insurance brokers who ran and advertised a serious tax and financial planning service, in practice it has meant, in the words of one unit trust manager, that "every tin pot broker from Netherwallop" can ask for the marketing allowance, while other non-insurance broking intermediaries who may be offering a better service are denied it.

But the debate over what the *new rules of the UTA should be* has exposed a fundamental difference of opinion about the future direction of the industry. Several groups are actively chasing the professional or semi-professional investor.

Several unit trust advisory services, some of them offering a completely discretionary service on the lines of the traditional stockbroker, have sprung up. In recent months they have been pushing their case assiduously.

Some in the unit trust industry welcome these developments; others are frankly very much opposed. Those who welcome the move away from the cloth-cap image—always fictitious, *anyway*—and the emergence of the monitoring services to investors appear to be in favour of relaxing the rules on the marketing allowance to include other intermediaries, such as accountants and solicitors, who bring good quality unit trust business.

But a substantial body of the UTA believes that the revision of the rules could have been a heaven sent opportunity to discourage the growth of the advisory services by tightening up on marketing allowance regulations, which were *being less* rigorously applied in one or two instances.

The proposals that will shortly be put to UTA members, and probably become part of the association's rules from April 1, seem destined to please nobody in the end. The insurance broking qualification will still apply, but it will be relaxed to include the financial planners and unit trust advisory groups which provide active monitoring services, albeit as a minor activity.

It will, for instance, include operations such as Hoare's Unit Trust Advisory Service but exclude many of the intermediaries from the professions that the more agressive unit trust *management groups* would like to see become eligible for the payment of marketing allowances.

But there is one important reason why the UTA cannot be seen to be giving away too much in the way of commissions just at present. The Department of Trade, which many believed to be on the brink of granting the industry increased charges last autumn, has been looking askance at the discounts offered to investors by the management companies from time to time. Schlesingers, NatWest and Target are just three of the groups which have been offering discounts of up to 2 per cent.

Reasonably enough, the department has asked itself whether an industry that can offer substantial discounts on top of commissions and marketing allowances is really as poverty stricken as it is claiming. There is also the worry that discount offers could be used by the unscrupulous as a way round the UTA's 3 per cent maximum for commission and marketing allowance. An insurance broker, or any other agent for that matter, who is licensed by the Department of Trade to deal in securities can quite legally buy the discounted units in his own name and issue his own contract note selling them on to clients at the full market rate, snaffling the discount for himself, as well as the commissions and allowances proffered by the unit trust group.

The temptations are obvious when one considers that there are at least 22 insurance companies offering bonds and other competitive investment products with commissions of 4 to 5 per cent.

That there is an upward pressure on commission rates seems pretty clear from the tactics of those unit trust groups outside the UTA. Lawson Securities, the Edinburgh-based management group, has *been completely open about its* ambitions to double its existing £10m of funds by selling units expensively.

Lawson has been offering commissions of 3½ per cent through aggressive mail shot promotions. *On the other hand,* several of the Lawson funds have spreads—which allow for the initial charges—of around 10 per cent, compared with an industry average of 7 or 8 per cent.

In its representations to the Department of Trade the UTA is unlikely to request an increase in the 5 per cent initial charge on the sale of units, for presumably *this* would mean that there would be tremendous pressure from some members to raise the maximum rates of commission and marketing allowances that could be offered—effectively taking from the unit-holder and giving to the insurance brokers and other intermediaries.

But what it does want is a new level of annual management charge to enable its members to live comfortably from the stewardship of existing funds without needing to sell *large amounts of new units to* ensure financial survival.

Margaret Drummond



"Reasonably enough, the Department of Trade has asked itself whether an industry that can offer substantial discounts . . . is really as poverty stricken as it is claiming."

Consumer law

Getting the better of 'get-out clauses'

Never before have judges been given such sweeping powers to stop big business being unfair to consumers. As from last Wednesday when the Unfair Contract Terms Act came into operation, only those parts of an agreement which are scrupulously fair and reasonable will be legally valid.

The Act outlaws all those "get out" clauses on which the consumer has unavailingly banged his head against in the past. Now, if the exemption clause is unreasonable, it is the clause's turn to be out.

Companies cannot exclude liability for death and personal injury resulting from negligence. Other kinds of exemption clauses become subject to the new test of reasonableness.

The Unfair Contract Terms Act means that notices such as "All visitors enter at their own risk" are no longer legally valid. Thus a garage cannot in future avoid paying compensation if one of its employees carelessly injures a visitor. Nor can the small print on the back of a ticket prevent you claiming compensation if you are hurt.

Holidaymakers, too, will be protected by the new Act. Terms of booking often state that the holidaymaker may have to accept an alternative holiday at the discretion of the tour operators if the one he has booked *falls through. In future* this will be valid only if they offer the holidaymaker a reasonably equivalent alternative.

So if you book a beach holiday in Majorca, it will not be reasonable if *the tour operators* send you to ski in Switzerland instead.

Builders and repairers now are prevented from foisting on the householder inferior or substandard materials. If these are *defective or the repairs are* negligently carried out the company will have to pay compensation.

They cannot get out of it by drawing the householder's attention to the small print in their standard terms of business. No term which is unfair to the householder is legally binding.

Another instance of unfairness in the past has been where someone has his furniture removed. The firm may carelessly lose some pieces of furniture and damage others.

Formerly the householder could be referred to the small print, eg "The company accepts no liability for loss or damage however caused", but in future the judge will have power to ignore this type of restriction and compensate the householder fully.

Large corporations naturally tend to standardize their products and consequently their agreements. Their attitude is usually "Take it or leave it". This can sometimes lead to unfairness, but judges now have the power to strike out those parts of an agreement which are unfair.

Manufacturers' guarantees are also finally tightened up by the new Act. A consumer who buys a defective electric kettle can claim compensation if he is injured. Any clause in the guarantee which says that the manufacturers need only replace the kettle and are not otherwise responsible can be struck out by the judge.

So bear the new Act in mind if you should find yourself involved in a dispute about compensation. From now on, whenever you feel there is an unfair term in your agreement, you are at liberty to take your grievance to court and ask the judge to state whether or not it is reasonable. If the judge thinks it is unreasonable he will award full compensation.

Ronald Irving

Taxation: readers ask

Appeals • Mr Munby's books • Property valuation

My articles last month concentrated on tax cases that have gone to the courts.

I preceded the first case of the series with a brief guide *on the appeal procedures* available to an aggrieved taxpayer and pointed out that the first appeal body was the General Commissioners (or alternatively the Special Commissioners).

After a request from the clerk to one of the divisions of General Commissioners, I am reproducing his letter outlining an important detail of the procedure, as readers may find it helpful.

"*After the announcement* of the General Commissioners' decision, either party may express dissatisfaction on the basis that the decision is erroneous in point of law (Taxes Management Act 1970 Section 56 (1)) and within 30 days and on the payment of £1.00 can request the Commissioners to state a case for the opinion of the High Court.

"The Clerk to the Commissioners has to prepare this *document at the Revenue's* expense so (and this is the point) if the layman is dissatisfied with the decision he can test the strengths and weaknesses of his case at little or no expense before he embarks on expensive litigation. If he decides, with or without professional advice, after reading the Case Stated, that his case has little or no merit *in law* then he just drops it and proceeds no further."

● The second case in the series concerned capital allowances on a barrister's library (*Munby v. Furlong* 1977) in which Mr Munby, the barrister, won his case in the Court of Appeal. Leave was given to the Inland Revenue to appeal to the House of Lords and my closing comment was that the final words on the matter have yet to be said. My mistake—apparently they have been said, because I have it on good authority that the Inland Revenue having had second thoughts has abandoned *its appeal* altogether.

● Valuation of land for capital gains tax and capital transfer tax can be the cause of bitter disputes between the taxpayer and the Inland Revenue. This *letter is typical of the problem* that arises.

"Last autumn I disposed of a property in north London which I inherited in 1964. I recently received a letter from my local Inspector of Taxes telling me that an assessment of capital gains tax on the transaction will shortly be issued, and saying that the computation of tax will be based on an estimate of the value of the property in 1964 made by the district valuer.

"I have written to give notice that I wish to appeal against *this valuation*, which I consider too low. The Inspector has now written to tell me that a formal appeal can only be lodged after the assessment has been issued, and asking me to let him know, after I receive the assessment, what *my* valuation of the property for 1964 is.

"What I wish to find out is how I can substantiate my own valuation, and whose opinion (other than a district valuer's) I can support it with, so that the Inspector gives it *serious consideration? I have* in my possession a letter from the local Estate Agent who was still managing the property a few months before it came into my possession.

"He had been asked to give an estimate of the sum he would expect the property to realize if it were decided to offer it for sale. The property was leasehold and let, divided into two flats, under regulated tenancies at that time; his figure was 'in the order of £2,000'; the district valuer's figure for the value three months later was £1,450."

It is essential in these cases that a valuation in writing be *obtained from an estate agent* and sent to the tax office in support of an appeal against an excessive assessment. This reader already has a letter from a local estate agent. Its wording may not be precise enough and it would be a good idea to let the valuer know the purpose to which the letter is to be put in case the presentation of the facts can be improved.

If the tax office will not accept the higher figure, an appeal could be made to the Lands Tribunal.

Just a reminder to this reader that only the gain from April 6, 1965, is taxable, not the whole. To calculate the proportion taxable a choice can be made between the method of *time apportionment or the* April 6, 1965, valuation. In the latter case we are back to the valuation problem, and it would not give a beneficial result if (as is probable in this case) the value of the property had *barely moved upward* between the date of inheritance and April 6, 1965.

● Where the receipt of the state pension cannot be taxed through the PAYE system, the tax office raises an assessment and, as a reader says: "The inspector no doubt usually gets his estimate fairly accurate because he will know the announced November rise before he issues the assessment and calculate accordingly, but in my case recently he has not been able to do so owing to dependants coming on and off my pension."

"I primarily want to ask you about the necessity of appealing, as I may not know whether the assessment is actually going to turn out too high. I know one reason for this is that if one thinks his estimate is too high one may be able to get the tax due today reduced; but I am not interested in this, as the amount at stake is too small to bother about—adjustment next year is all that matters.

"I know that in practice the inspector always does adjust such things next year. But is he *legally* bound to do so? Is it necessary to put in a protective appeal just in case he has over-estimated?"

Yes. To be on the safe side an appeal should be made where the assessment appears to be excessive, otherwise the assessment can legally stand.

I shall be looking at more readers' letters next week.

Vera Di Palma



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The US stock market, in stark contrast to that of the UK, has performed disappointingly over the last year, with the Dow Jones approaching a 3-year low on January 27th. Although share prices in America could decline further, share values are today more attractive than they have been for many years, whether measured in terms of earnings, yield or assets. When the anticipated recovery takes place, it is likely to be both sudden and strong. Current levels on Wall Street could provide a rare opportunity for anyone wishing to take a stake in the world's dominant economy.

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Investor's week

The market ebbs as pay demands rise

Down, down went the market this week, leaving the *FT* ordinary share index at its lowest level for more than two months.

Most leading equities had a rough ride, as investors became increasingly worried about the latest round of pay talks. The miners' rejection of a 10 per cent rise and the Shell tanker drivers' decision to join the go-slow had their effect on an already weak market and the index finished the week 18.8 *points down at 456.7.*

Ahead of President Carter's overnight speech on Monday shares weakened almost across the board and the index slumped 7.5 points to the much talked of chartists' "support" level of 470.0.

Once through that barrier there was no way back. Although there was an attempted mid-week rally the sellers came back with a vengeance on Thursday and there is now a murmur that the time is at hand when the market will fall "hard and fast".

Among the sectors to be particularly badly hit was insurance. Monday's news from Prudential that the recent flood and storm damage could cost the group about £1m knocked 4p off the shares to 154p, while Sun Alliance slumped a total of 39p to 524p on worries over the Government's threatened sanctions resulting from recent pay increases.

Royal also felt he cold wind of equity selling as rumours of an impending rights issue left the shares languishing at 375p, down 25p on the week.

Banks were another dull spot. The Midland rights issue continued to overhang the market and the shares slithered down throughout the week. On Wednesday the new stocks ended their first trading session with a 14p premium on the 330p issue price, while the existing equity lost 5p to 343p.

Of the leaders Glaxo and Beecham were among the worst hit. After drifting easier for the first few days of the account the shares received a setback on Thursday from a pharmaceuticals seminar.

Comment on the Fitzleet judgment left properties weak and a £1.8m rights issue coupled with disappointment at a property revaluation left Beaumont down 9p at 85p.

Of the other companies reporting Reed International's annual figures on Tuesday added 7p to the shares at 135p, while Syltone, Howard Machinery and Plessey also produced enough to please the market.

Housewives may be increasing the turnover at some of the supermarket majors, but the price war has left few buyers for the shares and most equities in this sector slipped throughout the week.

There were few speculative stocks but Davenport Breweries continued to find speculative buyers *hoping* for a bidder to emerge from the shadows.

On the back of a confident statement last week index stock John Brown alternated between investment buying and profit taking, ending the week 3p up at 283p.

Gilts had a dull session. In *line with equities they slipped* throughout the week, managing only a slight rally on Wednesday as buyers came in to snap up the high yielding stocks.

Alison Mitchell

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Rises

Year's high	Year's low	Company	Movement	Comment
28p	20p	British Leyland	7p to 27p	Edwardes plan
110p	63½p	Carrol P.J.	5p to 105p	Irish expansionist budget
195p	68½p	Centreway	15p to 195p	Figures
555p	345p	Peko Wallsend	35p to 440p	Uranium find
150p	71½p	Weir Group	9p to 114p	Speculative buying

Falls

101p	46p	Beaumont Props	9p to 85p	Rights and figures
960p	760p	BP	36p to 760p	Weakness on Wall Street
300p	71p	Hillards	35p to 175p	Disappointing results
274½p	131½p	Kwik Save	22p to 173p	Weak foods sector
662p	385p	Sun Alliance	39p to 524p	Fear of Government sanctions

Unit trust performance

Growth and specialist funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index: 2034.9; change from January 1, 1978: −2.6%.
Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: +15%; over 3 years: +81.8%.
Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, Greystoke Place, Fetter Lane, London, EC4.

GROWTH	A	B
M & G Recovery	74.9	229.6
Perpetual Growth M	67.2	311.8
Hambro Smaller Co's	61.8	183.4
Hambros Smaller Sec	52.1	185.2
M & G Special	49.5	142.3
Britannia Status Chng	48.3	89.6
Hambros Recovery	38.4	194.1
Oceanic Recovery	36.0	56.1
New Court Smal Cos	35.0	95.8
Oceanic Performance	35.0	93.4
London Wall Spec Sits	34.4	91.7
Framlington Internat	34.0	—
Unicorn Prof M	31.4	153.4
Unicorn Recovery	31.3	103.1
Reliance Opportunity	30.9	111.2
Henderson Capital	30.3	88.7
Leo Capital	30.1	—
Tyndall Scottish Cap	28.8	65.5
Piccadilly Capital	27.8	50.7
Arbuthnot Growth	27.2	72.7
Emson Dudley	26.4	73.5
Confederation Growth	26.2	150.0
Antony Gibbs Growth	25.0	—
Britannia Professional	24.8	64.1
Crescent Growth	22.2	133.7
Stratton F	22.0	112.0
M & G Compound	21.9	77.3
Capel Capital	20.9	—
GT Capital	20.9	80.2
Unicorne Growth	20.8	80.3
Vanguard Growth	18.7	86.9
Sekford Trust	18.6	80.0
Sebag Capital	18.2	79.7
Manulife Growth	18.1	—
Abbey Capital	17.5	103.3
Bridge Capital	17.3	76.8
Nat & Com Cap F	16.1	133.9
Hambro Accumulator	15.4	83.7
Oceanic Index	14.3	86.0
Key Equit & Gen	14.1	52.6
Schroder Capital F	13.7	127.5
Britannia Com & Ind	13.4	—
Trident UK Gr Acc	12.7	33.3
Britannia Growth	12.3	81.8
Pearl Growth	8.2	80.9
Britannia Shield	8.0	47.3
M & G Magnum	7.9	35.4
Britannia Cap Acc	7.9	64.8
Lawson Growth	7.7	3.8
Stockholders F	7.2	62.6
Trident Market Ldrs	6.6	—
New Court Equity	6.5	38.8
Gartmore Com Share	5.3	54.7
Target Growth	5.1	64.6
Royal Trust Cap	−1.2	53.9
Coyne Growth	−1.6	−21.4
Gartmore Insurance	−1.8	62.9
Midland Drayton Cap	−1.8	52.4
M & G Conv Growth	−1.9	36.3
S & P Capital	−2.3	60.3
National West Cap	−3.7	45.2
S & P Select Inter	−4.3	44.9
S & P Universal Gr	−9.9	32.2
Midland Drayton Gr	−10.9	44.6

SPECIALIST	A	B
Britannia Property	38.1	44.4
Britannia Gold & Gen	35.8	−28.0
Lawson Raw Materials	34.6	—
Britannia Minerals	32.8	−51.4
Oceanic Financial	30.3	27.3
Britannia New Issue	29.9	63.8
London Wall Fin	27.7	65.6
Arbuthnot Fin & Prop	25.7	47.4
Lawson Gilt	22.3	40.6
Britannia Fin Secs	21.1	—
Target Preference	18.1	79.5
Midland Drayton Com	17.9	31.6
Arbuthnot Com Sh	17.5	135.5
M & G Commodity	16.9	—
Target Financial	15.9	60.8
Hill Samuel Fin	14.7	69.2
M & G Investment	13.2	71.8
Key Energy	12.5	—
Unicorn Financial	12.3	76.5
Security Select F	11.5	52.1
S & P Commodity	11.3	51.0
Arbuthnot Preference	11.0	66.8
Target Commodity	10.8	73.7
Britannia Assets	10.5	68.2
Target Gilt Fund	10.4	—
Target Investment	10.0	66.9
Bishopsgate Int F	9.4	95.2
Charterhouse Fit	9.3	42.2
Oceanic Investment	9.1	42.6
Britannia Commod Sh	8.5	54.1
Henderson Financial	8.4	12.4
Abbey Investment	8.1	72.6
Allied Metals Min Com	7.9	48.3
Key Fixed Interest	7.3	—
London & Brussels	7.1	0.1
Practical	6.8	73.8
S & P Scotbits	5.8	37.4
Arbuthnot Capital	5.3	37.7
S & P ITU	5.3	51.9
Hambro O'seas Earngs	4.7	—
Charterhouse European	4.7	15.9
Henderson European	4.2	1.7
Britannia Invest Tst	4.1	—
L & C International	3.5	64.2
Gt Which O'seas M	2.4	131.5
Britannia Uni Energy	1.8	—
National West Finan	1.7	31.1
Henderson Nat Res	1.4	22.0
S & P Financial	0.9	40.5
GT US & General	0.6	13.2
Trident Nil Yield	−0.7	—
M & G European	−1.3	18.5
Schroder Europe M	−1.3	4.0
Target Eagle	−1.3	23.6
S & P European	−1.8	19.3
Bridge International	−3.6	33.0
Arbuthnot East & Int	−4.7	27.2
GT International	−4.8	—
Endeavour	−4.8	49.8
London Wall Inter	−4.9	37.3
Mercury Internat	−5.3	—
Crescent Inter	−5.4	49.0
Stewart American	−5.4	61.9
Hill Samuel Int	−5.9	42.3
Henderson Internat	−6.0	39.8
M & G Far Eastern	−7.1	48.3
S & P Energy	−7.6	63.4
NPI Overseas	−7.8	12.1
Britannia Far East	−8.0	8.0
GT Japan & Gen	−8.6	94.3
M & G Australasian	−8.6	−3.4
Rowan American	−8.7	7.3
Britannia Int Grwth	−9.3	14.7
Allied Hambro Pacific	−9.5	51.0
Charterhouse Inter	−9.7	35.4
Henderson Australian	−9.8	−19.3
Unicorn Australia	−10.0	−7.3
Hill Samuel Dollar	−10.9	59.6
Arbuthnot N Am Int	−11.0	−5.8
New Court Int	−11.0	−14.0
Gartmore Internat	−11.1	12.7
Henderson Far East	−11.1	103.6
Allied Hambro Int	−12.2	13.1
Chieftain Internat	−12.5	—
Britannia N Amer	−12.5	9.4
Unicorn Worldwide	−14.2	23.2
Gartmore American	−15.4	—
Oceanic Overseas	−16.1	−16.9
M & G American	−16.3	54.7
Target Internat	−16.3	13.9
Grantchester	−16.6	31.0
M & G Japan	−17.6	52.4
Gartmore Far East	−17.7	—
Arbuthnot Secs of Am	−18.0	24.5
Trident Inter	−18.1	−1.0
Ridgefield Internat	−18.2	—
Trident American	−18.3	7.0
Lawson American	−18.6	−8.0
S & P Japan Gr	−18.7	52.3
S & P US Growth	−20.2	18.5
Henderson N Amer	−20.6	1.3
Midland Drayton Int	−20.6	14.6
Unicorn America	−22.4	11.2
Arbuthnot Foreign	−24.5	6.3
A. Gibbs Far East	−28.2	—

A: Change since February 3, 1977, offer to bid, income reinvested.
B: Change since January 30, 1975, offer to bid, income reinvested.
Both taken to February 1.
M: Trust valued monthly.
F: Trust valued every two weeks.

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Banks

Role of the banks as financial advisers

loyds Bank is making a deter-ined attempt to help people nderstand money matters. It as just launched four new ersonal money guides with an itial print order of two illion. These are to be dis-ibuted as widely as possible ing schools and women's ganizations, as well as the rious bank counters.

The four "Black Horse" oklets are on women and oney, family finance, school avers and money and taxa-n. They are conventional, mprehensive and, using the mple question and answer rmat, easy to understand.

Their virtues lies, in fact, not much in their content but in eir availability. Lloyds, hich is spending some 00,000 on the campaign, is ing for saturation coverage. Mr John Davis, the deputy ef general manager of oyds, perhaps summed up e aim of the campaign by ying that he hoped that e booklets would "help ople to ask the right estion". For it is only by ing the right question in the st place that the individual nds a reasonable chance of tting the right answer.

It does, of course, beg the estion who is going to give advice. Clearly Lloyds has vested interest in the cam-ign and must hope that it will attract new customers to add to the five million already on its rolls. This implies that it will be the branch manager to whom many people will be turning for advice.

It has been fashionable to knock bank managers and the kind of financial advice they give—and in the past the criti-cism was not entirely unjustified. Today the outlook for any-one going to a bank for advice is much better.

The banks have developed specialist services in order to handle, for example, compli-cated tax or insurance queries; and a new generation of branch managers is more alert to the financial problems of their clients, who in turn are rather more articulate about what they need in the way of money ser-vices than they used to be.

I am not saying that the banks are necessarily the best place to go to for financial advice. There *is still room for improvement* (notably, if readers' letters are anything to go by, in their trust and executorship departments). But for very many people there is little alternative but to use the services of a clearing bank when financial advice is re-quired.

How many people have accountants or a solicitor (other than one temporarily acquired in the process of house pur-chase) or even insurance broker? (And the same ques-tion marks raised against branch bank managers as all-round fi-nancial advisers can be attached equally to these professionals.) The answer must be not nearly as many as have a bank manager, friendly or otherwise, in the nearest high street.

So, short of a full-blooded schools financial education pro-gramme—Money Management Association, where are you?—which the Government frankly does not seem to have much interest in supporting, the only alternative is for the clearing banks to take over the role of financial mentor to the masses.

The banks have the premises and somewhere in the system the expertise, as well as the confidence of the public, even if they are not as well liked as they once were. The ingredients for putting together a financial educational and advisory service are there, although the cost may be high.

So, whatever its commercial motives, Lloyds has taken a modest step in the right direc-tion. I hope that the initial enthusiasm that both head office and branches have for the cam-paign continues when custo-mers, new and old, come in for the back-up service.

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has been mainly good ws this year for profit ring policy-holders with ding life offices. Many rates bonus have been increased; i, once a reversionary bonus a special bonus has been lared, it will be paid when policy becomes a claim; it not subsequently be with-wn, whatever the economic nate.

The jargon of bonuses can confusing and what sounds highest bonus is not essarily the best, even owing for the fact that com-ies charge widely differing es of premium.

Some offices pay a simple us, where it is calculated ely on the basic sum ured. A compound-bonus (if the same rate) is better, as is calculated on the sum ured plus bonuses already lared. It particularly ours longer-term policies.

Over the past few years, a nber of offices have tched to the compound is, believing that it is more itable to policy-holders.

special bonus is a once-for-all one, unconnected the regular reversionary us, although there is ing to prevent a life office aring another special us at some stage.

ne differing approaches to us policy are shown by the tice of the following three esentative life offices:

is year, the Norwich n has announced an in-se in its rate of (annual) rsionary bonus, and also a ial bonus. The last special is was at the end of 1973 the one before that was at nd of 1964.

is special bonus is on a g scale (from 1 per cent) per cent), depending on

Insurance

Bonuses come in different shapes and sizes

how long the policy has been in force and applies only to policies which have been on the books for seven years or longer.

The Norwich Union's addi-tional bonus (payable only when a policy becomes a claim) has been reduced mar-ginally, but the special bonus and additional bonus together are about 40 per cent higher than the additional bonus which applied before.

As an example of the effect of these bonuses, a 25-year endowment policy maturing now will be worth about 16½ per cent more than a similar policy which matured last year. While it looks as though the policy has kept pace with infla-tion, this is an exceptional jump. Do not expect a compar-able increase next year.

The Sun Life Assurance Society has declared the same rate of bonus for its compound bonus series of policies (other than its flexible policies), but has changed from declaring bonuses every two years to annual declarations. It has pointed out that this change, if present bonus rates are main-tained, is equal to an increase of about 0.1 per cent in bonus rates.

Besides its unchanged bonus rate of 4.3 per cent per annum, the Sun Life has also declared a modest terminal bonus for the first time for compound bonus policies. It amounts to 5 per cent of other bonuses payable on death or maturity and it is payable only when a policy become a claim.

While the trend among many offices has been towards more frequent bonus declarations, the Clerical, Medical and Gen-eral is one office which still prefers to declare a bonus once every three years. This year the rate has gone up from 4.5 per cent to 5 per cent.

This mutual office says it likes the ability to have a long-term look at its affairs every three years and considers that making a declaration trien-nially gives it a better chance of making the right deci-sion, so as to maintain equity. And, of course, the rate *sounds* better than the compar-able rate declared annually!

For instance, when the bonus rate was 4.5 per cent, the field staff were asked whether they would prefer the bonus rate to be 4.3 per cent, declared annually. They pre-ferred the higher sounding rate, although, from the policy-holder's point of view, the two rates were identical, irrespec-tive of the term of a policy. The new bonus of 5 per cent is equivalent to about 4.56 per cent if declared annually.

Do not, therefore, be taken in by appearances so far as bonuses are concerned. There is often more than meets the eye.

John Drummond

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oung widows can get raw deal

men can afford to make, f their private resources, iate provision for their and families in the event eir death. Nor does the it under the state national nce scheme cover any than the barest necessi-

widow who hopes to ain a standard of living rable with what she d while her husband was will normally have to to his pension scheme. xtent to which the pro-provided from this s is adequate will depend ich as anything on the n which the benefit is d.

factors as the propor-llowed and whether the t is based on pay or pen-were mentioned in my rticle. There is another it in the definition may vary well be even important: where the 's pension is a propor-f the member's pension, dequacy for younger in particular depends length of service taken count.

e are two approaches e widows of members ie before retirement. It necessary to read care-the explanation of the e pension is worked out er to see which applies rticular scheme.

of the better schemes the total service which mber would have com-if he had served until his normal ent date. That means ne widow's pension is to the pension the would have expected ive eventually, on the at his pay remained un-

schemes are less gen-however; unfortunately ber of these could well ecause the new state related element, next April, will be on sis. What the state does—apart from being erest from a social view—influences the ment of occupational schemes. Particularly is this so in this case, because the conditions for contracting out are fixed with the form and level of the state scheme benefits in mind.

This second basis allows only service actually completed to count; for example, take a member of a scheme providing a member's pension of one six-tieth of final pay for each year's service and a widow's pension of one half. Under this approach, a member dying after 10 years' service would leave his widow with a pen-sion of one half of 10 sixtieths of his pay—that is, one twelfth.

The people who are likely to be most in need of help—young mothers with a family to bring up—will probably receive very little benefit in-deed under this system because their late husbands will have completed fairly short service. This will be par-ticularly true of the widow of a man who changed his job in his late twenties or early thir-ties, when he already had dependent children, and died shortly after joining his new employer.

The other approach, by which his potential service up to his normal retirement date is credited for purposes of the widow's pension, solves this problem. In the above example the husband would have expected to be able to com-plete, say, 30 or 35 years or more of service with his new employer before retiring, giv-ing him a pension of 50 or 60 per cent. The number of people changing jobs once they get beyond the late thirties is very much reduced.

In this case, the widow's pension, even if the husband died almost immediately after he started working in his new job, would be a quarter of the husband's pay. If you add on the state benefit—both the flat rate widow's pension or widowed mother's allowance, and the earnings related ele-ment from next year (for all its shortcomings) you arrive at a reasonable foundation on which to build adequate provi-sion for the widow.

It will probably not be suf-ficient to secure for the widow a continuation of the same standard of living as she was enjoying, unless the scheme also pays a substantial lump sum and the late husband had expected a two-thirds pension or something closely approach-ing it. But it should be enough to bring this objective within reach through the husband's personal insurance.

These, then, are the two lines of approach. Most schemes which relate the widow's pension to the member's benefits follow one or the other. Some, however, adopt a compromise by treat-ing all members who die as having completed at least some specified period of service or crediting them with a fixed additional period (until their total credit is equal to their full expected service) or per-haps with half the period from the time they die up to their expected retirement date.

Whatever the basis adopted, however, remember that the same question is relevant in these circumstances to the widow's pension as arises in relation to the member's own pension—two-thirds of what? Earlier in this series I men-tioned various deductions which were commonly made to pay when calculating pensions. Earnings other than basic pay may be excluded and a reduc-tion made to allow for the member's own state retirement pension.

If you are checking to see how your widow would fare if you had an unfortunate acci-dent—or if you are a wife looking into your rights under your husband's pension scheme—do not forget that the member's own pension is prob-ably the starting point, which-ever system is used. However apparently generous the widow's pension may be, it will turn out smaller than you might have expected if the member's pension is based on something much less than total pay.

Eric Brunet

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Gilt-edged lose £1 on heavy selling

In spite of several attempts at a rally equities were unable to reverse the downward trend though in most cases losses were contained to a penny or two.

Overlaying the general con-cern about the present pay negotiations was fresh talk of a short-term increase in domes-tic interest rates. Some dealers were confidently expecting a rise in the Minimum Lending Rate though a majority did not take the proposition too seriously and were proved right.

Cadbury Schweppes eased 1p to 53p but apart from that the shares have been rock steady for weeks. Buyers expect the group to do well this year thanks to big falls in cocoa prices and better control over others such as sugar. Soft drinks can also probably do better if next sum-mer is at all reasonable. Higher consumer spending should help as well, benefiting a group strong in chocolate confec-tionery.

The weakness of sterling was an additional hazard for the gilt-edged market where long dates came under heavy selling pres-sure and closed a full point lower and at their lowest level of the day.

At the short end selling was lighter but just as persis-tent. Most stocks ended up to 50p lower.

The *FT* Index lost another 1.8 to 458.7 and over what has been a thoroughly depressing week shed no less than 13.8.

The attitude of many dealers last night was to "go home and forget it" in the hope of better things next week. Those who could bring themselves to talk about it felt that, miners and power workers apart, the lack of institutional funds after the heavy calls of recent months was a significant fact in the market's current weakness.

But the word is that liquidity is building up again and the optimists feel that this may be reflected in a modest improve-ment soon.

Going against the trend among the industrial leaders were ICI, which rose a penny to 339p, and Unilever, two pence better at 504p. Those under some selling pressure were Beecham, down 3p to 617p, GEC, which lost 3p to 251p, and Fisons which slumped 17p to 360p on suggestions of increased drug competition from Europe.

In motors, British Leyland continued to find support on the strength of the widely publicized reorganization plan and rose another 4p to 27p. Others in the sector were not so successful, however, with Dunlop easing a penny to 82p and Lucas, heavily dependent on Leyland and also worried by possible resistance to its pro-posed French acquisition, also losing a penny to 252p. Another engineer to attract support, some of it speculative, was Weir Group, which closed with a gain of 4p to 114p.

Overnight reports that Ameri-can interests were planning to sell a large chunk of BP shares lowered the price 16p to a new year's low of 760p, though dealers said none of this trans-atlantic selling was yet appar-ent. The other feature in the sector was the speculative Oil Exploration, which ended 14p off at 216p as the short-term operators took their profits.

In a generally firmer insur-ance sector a few counters like Commercial Union 1p to 139p and Phoenix 2p to 248p actually managed to end the day ahead. But Sun Alliance 3p to 524p and Royal 3p to 375p continued to lose ground, the former on its possible legal challenge to the Government and the latter on continuing talk of a big rights issue in the near future.

In the mining sector Peko-Wallsend continued to draw strength from the big uranium find in Australia, rising another 5p to 440p making a gain of 45p in two days' trading. But Western Mining slipped 2p to 84p after news of the Windarra shut-down though late in the day it managed to erase the fall. Elsewhere in the sector results from BHP gave the shares a 5p boost to 405p.

After the strength, much of it speculative, over recent days, whisky issues had to absorb some profit taking which they did reasonably well even though Arthur Bell slipped 4p to 208p. Equity turnover on February 2 was £65.22m (13,058 bargains). Active stocks yesterday were Shell, BP, BAT Dfd, GEC, Racal, BAT Inds, ICI, Beecham, Boots, Grand Metropolitan, Marks & Spencer, Rank, Thorn, Burmah, Town & City, and Legal & General.

Talk in the market yesterday was of a 600,000 share put through of freezer group Bejam. It is thought that the equity passed between two institutional holders. The shares lost 4p to 60p.

Latest results

Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Int or Fin						
Armour Tst (F)	5.60(5.34)	0.04b(0.61b)	0.4b(6.0b)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
Ass Plp & Ppr (I)a	94.90(87.94)	7.3(6.8)	—(—)	4.5(4)	28/4	—(—)
Celtic Haven (I)	1.09(0.99)	0.008(0.04)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(0.29)
Chrtrhse Jphet (F)	—(—)	0.81(0.40)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Col Secs Tst (F)	—(—)	0.42(0.38)	—(—)	5.6(4.9)	4/4	8.1(7.0)
Delyn (F)	3.66(3.27)	0.02(0.002)	3.69(2.4b)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
Dewhurst Dent (F)	18.29(13,88)	0.62(0.70)	—(—)	1.04(—)	28/4	1.69(—)
Glasgow Stock (F)	—(—)	0.50(0.40)	—(—)	1.55(1.35)	—	2.40(2.05)
GRA Property (F)	9.62(9.01)	0.26(0.56b)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Hardy (Fuxn) (I)	15.99(20.73)	0.86b(0.38b)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(0.2)
Harris Lebus (F)	13.74(9.32)	0.30(0.06)	12.3(1.8)	3.27(2.93)	4/4	3.27(2.93)
Imasco (Q) a	805.7(773.0)	32.3(25.8)	8.32(2.65)	37(32.5)	31/3	—(135)
Longton Trans (I)	13.77(12.67)	0.62(0.59)	8.67(7.75)	1.1(1.0)	31/3	—(3.4)
M Tussaud's (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	2.02(—)	4/4	—(0.97)
Stoddard Hldgs (I)	9.87(9.39)	0.41(0.73)	2.4(4.36)	0.52(0.51)	7/4	—(1.3)
Watsham's (I)	1.07(2.33)	0.54(0.20)	5.0(4.1)	1.65(1.5)	31/3	—(3.6)
Wintrust (I)	—(—)	0.26(0.24)	—(—)	1.03(1.03)	20/3	—(3.0)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profit are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Dollars and cents. b Loss.

All systems are 'go' at S & W Berisford

By Victor Felstead

The latest (and last) annual report of Norman Castle, chair-man of S. & W. Berisford, is impressive.

"The last 11 years have shown consistent and substan-tial growth, in an unbroken progression, year after year", he declares.

The group now takes in international food merchanting and commodity trading, secon-dary metals, finance and insur-ance. From 1967 to 1977, turn-over grew by 1,871 per cent, pre-tax profits by 6,813 per cent and earnings per ordinary share by 5,427 per cent.

Mr Castle, who hands over the chair to Mr E. S. Margulies at the annual meeting, tells shareholders that the group has never been financially stronger. The management has proved its ability to deal with problems as they arise. Further acquisi-tions in areas related to Beris-ford's main-stream activities are being considered.

The board is confident that these, together with growth of the existing business, will enable the group to present another "satisfactory" report next year.

Turnover in the year to September 30 jumped by 64 per cent to £1,262m and pre-tax profits by 74 per cent to £23.57m.

Thanks to the money from last year's £13m rights issue; conversion of the balance of the convertible stock; substan-tial profit retentions and the addition to reserves of deferred tax, shareholders' funds in the consolidated balance-sheet almost doubled. They jumped from £36.83m to £71.28m. Net assets per share went up from £1.21 to £1.80.

The leap in turnover, of both (higher prices generally and increased activity), is reflected in sharp increases in stocks, debtors, creditors and bank borrowings. But liquidity remains healthy. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities rose from 1.19:1 to 1.26:1. Much of the bank borrowing at the year-end was short term.

Optimistic outlook as Borthwick sells associate holding

By Michael Clark

Every effort continues to be made to sort out problems at Thomas Borthwick, the group which has so disappointed the market since it first went public in July, 1976.

These measures which include the sale of another of Borth-wick's associates, Dixor, should help the group follow up the reasonable start it has made to this year.

Borthwick has sold its 57 per cent stake in cosmetics group Dixor to a group of investors led by Mr A. D. Stark once chief executive of Vavasseur, and Mr N. H. Davis, at 28p for each 5p share in Dixor. This gives Dixor, which reported pre-tax profits of £30,000 for the year to January 8, 1977, a total value of £312,000.

Dr Bill Bullen, chairman of Borthwick, told the annual meeting yesterday that the group had got off to a fair start this year. But he added that it would be foolish in the inter-national meat business to attempt to forecast the year's result after only three months. However, the business is healthy and the integration of Matthews is going well.

It is common knowledge that the United Kingdom domestic meat trade as a whole has had a troubled year, and Borth-wick's has not proved an excep-tion. However, there is a feel-ing of optimism in the inter-national trade.

Prices in the rich United States market have been firm-ing steadily and the board sees this continuing. Also, the worth-while business in Eastern Europe and the Middle East will certainly continue. Japan, too, is back as a beef importer.

Summing up, the chairman said that the group has just bought the minority interest in Freshbake to allow the group to integrate this pie making business with Knightsbridge Provisions, including Freemans.

At the same time millionaire football club chairman Mr Ray-mond Bloye has resigned from the board. Mr Bloye, shown in the last Borthwick report as one of the biggest boardroom share-holders after the takeover of his Matthews business, will re-main a director of Matthews Holdings.

Dr Bullen said: "This is not a golden handshake situation and there is no question of a row, Mr Bloye now wants to concentrate on his other interests".



Dr Bill Bullen, chairman of Thomas Borthwick.

John Lewis increases handout to record 18pc

John Lewis Partnership, Britain's foremost example of industrial democracy and co-ownership will this year be sharing a record £8.8m between its 23,500 worker partners. It will be distributed in cash at the rate of 18 per cent of each individual's annual pay. This compares with last year's figure of £6.5m or 15 per cent of pay.

Estimated trading profits of the group which includes Wait-rose supermarkets, increased by 23 per cent to £32.5m in the year to January 28.

Sales for the year rose by £67m to £437m, which prob-ably represents an increase in volume of about 2 to 3 per cent. Trading conditions were not buoyant, although the group's central London department stores benefited from the growth in the tourist trade dur-ing the summer, and there was some growth in trade before Christmas. The supermarket trade became increasingly com-petitive during the second half of the year.

Department store sales rose by 19 per cent in the first half year and by 16 per cent in the second half year, giving an in-crease for the year of 17 per cent. There was no substantial change in selling space. In the Waitrose supermarkets, the sales increase in the first half year was 25 per cent and in the second 16 per cent giving an increase for the year of 20 per cent. Five new supermar-kets were opened during the year, bringing the total to 64.

Commenting on the estimated results Mr Peter Lewis, chair-man, said the sum to be distri-buted in the partnership bonus was the highest figure by far in the partnership's history and is the direct result of in-creased trade, holding numbers and absorbing costs, despite tighter margins on goods sold. It has been, in fact the perfect recipe for a genuinely effec-tive attack on inflation.

Profit increased faster than sales and that was good in a year of virtually no increase in the volume of retail trade nationally, but of a hefty rise in costs.

More for unsecured GRA creditors

By Ray Maughan

GRA Property Trust, the grey-hound racing and property group which entered a Scheme of Arrangement in 1976 as an alternative to liquidation, has paid a further 6p in the pound in respect of gross debts due to unsecured creditors making a total repayment thus far of 24p per pound.

The Inland Revenue's £843,000 debt has finally been discharged and gross debts due to unsecured creditors were £4.89m at the balance sheet date.

The ability to pay stems from a significant drop in borrowings and a rise in the group's trad-ing fortunes which led to a profit of £269,000 before asset disposals against the corres-ponding loss of £562,000.

Turnover climbed from £9.01m to £9.62m in the year to end-October last while trad-ing profits improved by 22 per cent to £1.28m. While the trad-ing position is happily improv-ing, GRA's ability to repay a substantial portion of its bor-rowings is obviously of more importance to the group's creditors.

The sale of the 22.7 per cent in Coral Leisure Group raised £6.29m at 145p per share and the disposal of the interest in the Walthamstow Stadium realized another £550,000. Dur-ing the year some £4.9m of the group's borrowings were repaid while a further £1.54m has been retained pending clari-fication of the Capital Gains Tax position.

Interest saved on these amounts, together with the lower rates prevailing on the £2.5m variable rate borrowings, have reduced the interest charge from £2.04m to £1.56m.

Since the beginning of November the sale of the 11-acre site opposite the White City Stadium to Marks & Spen-cer has been completed for £1.5m and the contingent liability relating to office build-ings next to the 11 acres has been released for a considera-tion of £50,000 paid to the 600 Group. (GRA had had a con-tingent liability to buy three buildings on the adjacent site for at least £2.5m).

The remaining five acres of land at Reading have been sold to Builders Amalgamated for £700,000 with completion due on fifteenth of this month.

The net proceeds of the Marks & Spencer deal of £1.44m have been paid to Pension Funds Securities, the ICI pen-sion fund which had been owed £10.8m as the largest individual creditor. This amount, which substantially cuts PFS's right to subscribe for convertible loan notes, will reduce interest charges further this year when taken together with the £600,000 repaid to the National West-minster Bank from the Reading sale proceeds.

Better last half for Sears Hldgs

By Our Financial Staff

In the second half of the year to January 31, trading improved for conglomerate Sears Holdings and turnover up from £370m to £451m in the first six months continued to grow. This information is con-tained in the preliminary prospectus for the issue of the £15m sterling foreign currency bonds, 1988.

Footwear, department stores, and jewellery, are benefitting from better sales. But engineer-ing still suffers from poor demand at Bentley Engineering and the costs of rationaliz-ing some subsidiaries.

Sears' motor vehicle side won higher sales throughout the year. But the licensed betting section is not expected to main-tain the improved profits of the first half year.

Given the anticipated recovery in demand for housing, trading profits in property development and investment are likely to improve, although the hotel financing costs are still a burden.

The sale of the loss-making Highlander knitwear business will mean an improvement in the results of Sears Industries, Inc. The board believes that the market values of the group's properties exceed the balance-sheet total, and they are being revalued.

Sears also reports that it is in talks to buy control of the French-based Charles Jourdan Group, mainly in the manufac-ture and retail of high-class footwear and ancillary products.

Graff has third attempt to swallow minority

Shareholders in Graff Diamonds who have so far resisted all attempts by Mr Larry Graff to buy back the whole of the group he brought to market in 1973 are to receive an offer worth the equivalent of 70p per share. This is equal to 14p per share after the four-for-one capitalization issue.

Sandstar, Mr Graff's private company, is making this revised offer subject to getting acceptances of 90 per cent of the minority shareholders. Sandstar first offered the equivalent of 28p per share—the original floration price was 56p—to buy Graff back but the bid was raised last month to 50p.

So far, acceptances have been received from only 63.21 per cent of minority shareholders. In the event of sufficient valid acceptances being received, shareholders will be paid the equivalent of a further 4p per share to add to their entitle-ment of 10p per share.

Shareholders who have yet to accept may elect to receive 14p per share immediately, subject to the sufficient number of acceptances, or they may take at least 10p per share which will be increased to 14p if acceptances reach the desired total.

Guinness Mahon in deal with Bremar

One fifth of the equity of Clarke, Nickolls & Coombs, the property investment, manage-ment and development group, is about to change hands. Clarke's board has been told by Guinness Mahon, the mer-chant bank, that it has agreed to sell 1.01m of its shares in Clarke, 20.3 per cent of the equity, to Bremar Holdings. London-based Bremar is a pri-vate, banking company.

Good last quarter but Amax ends lower

Net earnings of Amax in 1977 went down from $150.1m to $119m on sales of $1,340m against $1,170m. Earnings for 1977 are stated before a net charge of $50m, which is made up from a charge of $81m from the write-down of investments in Botswana RST offset by a $31m gain from the sale of potash interests in Saskatche-wan.

Higher margins and shipments of Molybdenum and a greater contribution from tungsten helped a bigger final quarter profit of $39.8m against $34.3m.

Armour Trust cuts losses

Armour Trust managed to cut its pre-tax loss from £619,000 to only £43,000 in the year to April 30, 1977. This was after charging exceptional items of £221,000, compared with nil in 1975-76. After various other items, including extraordinary charges more than doubled to £865,000, there is a deficit to reserves of £910,000, against £1.05m. Total turnover was up from £5.34m to £5.6m. Once again, there is no dividend for shareholders.

Broken Hill goes ahead despite steel losses

The news from Broken Hill Proprietary, Australia's largest group, is a relief. The directors expect profits in the six months to May 31 to match those now reported for the first six months, which could have been a lot worse.

In the first half year group net profits advanced from $A37.67m to $A43.35m, even though steel industry losses deepened from $21.52m to as much as $35.05m. The credit went to a $13.58m increase to $54.10m in petroleum profits and a useful $5.58m gain to $18.03m in mineral profits. Profits from other subsidiaries and investments all but marked time at $6.27m.

The steel figures show that business did not get worse as the months went by and domes-tic demand has now picked up slightly. Dearer oil will also help the second six months. BHP adds that the joint venture study into the OK Tedi Porphyry copper prospect in Papua New Guinea went accord-ing to plan. Extensive diamond drilling confirms indicated cop-per ore reserves and good gold values.

Marshall Field bid

Chicago.—Marshall Field ex-pressed continued opposition to the takeover bid by Carter Haw-ley Hale Stores, and said it would press its lawsuit against the takeover. Mr Angelo R. Arena, President and Chief Executive, said Field believed that Carter's planned tender offer for Field stock could not proceed before settlement of the anti-trust question raised recently by Field in a federal court here. Field also has also charged securities law violations by Carter.

Mr Arena issued his state-ment in response to Carter's announcement on Wednesday that it planned to make a ten-der offer involving a cash and stock package valued at $42 for every Field share or a total of about $380m. Field had been expected to fight the move.—AP-Dow Jones.

International

Dow's weak finish

Dow Chemical estimates net income of $556m, equivalent to $3.01 per share for 1977 com-pared with $613m and $3.30 per share the year before. Sales were $6.23 billion, up from $5.65 billion. For the 1977 fourth quarter sales are ex-pected to be $1.55 billion and earnings $104m or $0.57 per share, compared with $1.46 bil-lion, $149m, and 80 cents.

Mr G. J. Williams, financial vice-president, said: "December sales and profits were un-expectedly weak. We believe this was due to an unusual re-duction in customer year-end in-ventories. Additionally, fourth quarter performance was penalized by higher anticipated start-up costs for our new com-plex at Aretu, Brazil, and sig-nificant write-offs of obsolete United States facilities which have been replaced by more efficient units."

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Briefly

Vaux plans to spend £43m on expansion

The board of Vaux Breweries, the Sunderland-based group has completed plans to spend about £43m—at today's prices—on modernization and expansion in the next five years. The group's trade is pushing brewery facilities to the limit, and the board foresees substantial growth. To meet this the group needs £20m for plant and machinery, and the rest will be spent on modernizing and building new pubs, and expanding its hotels.

Mr. Paul Nicholson, chairman, says that sales so far this year have been very good. But the picture is slightly distorted as many competitors have been on strike.

ELLERMAN LINES
This unquoted shipping-to-brewing group has increased its stake in Hawkins & Tipson to 25.2 per cent.

HARRIS LEBUS
Current year is off to a sluggish start with retail business depressed. This will be reflected in interim results but improvement is looked for in summer.

SECOND BROADMOUNT
Certain shareholders have requisitioned a meeting but do not have sufficient shares. Board meanwhile, continues to explore alternative proposals with Arbuthnot Latham.

SCOTTISH UNITED INVESTORS
Dividend for 1977 is 2p (against 1.70p). Board proposes a scrip issue of one-for-four. Pre-tax revenue £2.5m (£2.03m). Earnings a share 2.01p (1.63p).

TURNER MANUFACTURING
Start of current year has been disappointing, due to labour unrest at Turner's major United Kingdom customers and their suppliers and continuing difficulties in Turkey. Board expects 1977-78 profits to show a "moderate reduction" from 1976-77 record.

BANQUE NATIONALE DE PARIS
Group is raising $75m through a four year floating rate note issue.

CAPLAN PROFILE
Chairman reports that sales and profits much higher than last year. They should result in record growth percentage.

ELSWICK-HOPPER
In circular on purchase of B. H. Brow and Falcon Cycles, chairman says trading in 6 months to January 31 satisfactory though agricultural machinery sales running lower than last year.

RECORD RIDGWAY
Record Ridgway is now consolidating various investment projects in the United Kingdom and has put forward a £6m plan for implementation by 1980, writes chairman.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Cardiff City 11½% Rd 1986 (£100)	£95¼-¼
Exchequer 10¼% 1995 (£35b)	£26-1½
Farmer S.W. 25p Ord (104)	122
Grampian Reg Cncl 10¾% 1985 (£99)	£96¾-¼
Holden (Arthur) 25p Ord (53)	65
Mid Kent Wtr 7% 1982 (a)	£10¼
Sykes (Henry) 25p Ord	104
Treasury 10¼% 1999 (£95b)	£92½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renunc	
Com Bnk Aust (\$A1.75)	Mar 16	40 prem
Manch Garages (21)		6½ prem
Midland Bank (330)		21 prem-1
Nat Bnk of Aust (A\$1.75)	Mar 3	48 prem+2
Neil J. (84)	Mar 10	2 prem-2

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £3 paid. h £35 paid. i £45 paid. j £60 paid.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	6½%
Barclays Bank	6½%
Consolidated Crdts	6½%
First London Secs	6½%
C. Hoare & Co	*6½%
Lloyds Bank	6½%
London Mercantile	6½%
Midland Bank	6½%
Nat Westminster	6½%
Rossminster Acc's	6½%
TSB	6½%
Williams and Glyn's	6½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3%, up to £25,000 3¾%, over £25,000 4¼%.

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1977/78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
44	27	Airsprung Ord	42	+1	4.2	10.1	7.8
150	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	139	—	18.4	13.0	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	38	—	3.3	8.7	16.2
147	105	Bardon Hill	147	+1	12.0	8.2	10.1
105	51	Deborah Ord	105	+2	5.1	4.9	8.5
216	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	215	+2	17.5	8.1	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	136	—	11.5	8.5	6.6
58	36	Jackson Group	51	—	5.0	9.8	6.0
114	55	James Burrough	111	+2	6.0	5.4	10.2
340	188	Robert Jenkins	320	—	27.0	8.4	5.4
24	9	Twinlock Ord	16½	—	—	—	—
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	82	—	12.0	14.6	—
79	51	Unilock Holdings	79	+2	7.0	8.9	9.8
90	67	Walter Alexander	90	—	6.4	7.1	6.6

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Commodities

COPPER was firm: cash wire bars gaining £7.50: three months drifting on £7. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £627-28 a metric ton: three months, £639.50-40.50. Sales, 3,700 tons. Cash cathodes, £617-17.50: three months, £629-29.50. Sales, nil tons. *Morning*.—Cash wire bars, £624.50-25.00: three months, £637-37.50. Settlement, £625. Sales, 3,600 tons. Cash cathodes, £614.50-15.00: three months, £627-27.50. Settlement, £615. Sales, 1,100 tons.

SILVER was steady.—Bullion markets (fixing levels).—Spot 252.85p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 490.1): three months, 256.45p (497.3c): six months, 261.20p (506.2c): one year 271.50p (526c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 252.9-53.1p: three months, 256.7-56.8p. Sales, 57 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 253.2-53.4p: three months, 256.8-56.9p. Settlement, 253.4p. Sales, 49 lots.

TIN was barely steady.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,340-60 a metric ton: three months £6,240-70. Sales, 400 tons. High grade, cash £6,340-60: three months, £6,240-50. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,390-6,400: three months, £6,260-65. Settlement, £6,400. Sales, 350 tons. High grade, cash £6,390-6,400: three months, £6,265-80. Settlement, £6,400. Sales nil tons. Singapore tin, ex-works, $M1,701 a picul.

LEAD: Cash put on £6 and three months gained £5.75.—Afternoon.—Cash £312.50-13.50 per metric ton: three months £318.50-19.00. Sales, 1,225 tons. Morning.—Cash £312.75-13.00: three months £318.25-18.50: Settlement £313. Sales, 1,500 tons.

ZINC: Cash gained £4, three months put on £3.75.—Afternoon—Cash, £249.50-50.50 a metric ton: three months, £254-55. Sales, 600 tons. Morning—Cash, £249-50: three months, £254-55. Settlement, £250. Sales, 700 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £111.75 ($214.75) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was quiet (pence per kilo).—March, 46.05-46.60: April, 46.25-46.80: April-June, 47.10-47.15: July-Sept, 48.75-48.80: Oct-Dec, 50.45-50.50: Jan-March, 52.10-52.20: April-June, 53.80-53.85: July-Dec, 55.45-55.50: Oct-Dec, 57.05-57.15. Sales: 190 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quite.—Spot, 46.50-48.00. Cifs, March, 47.75-47.85: April, 48-48.25.

COFFEE: Robustas were barely steady: arabicas were very steady.

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric tonne): March, 1,790-1,794: May, 1,627-1,629: July, 1,536-1,537: Sept, 1,474-1,476: Nov, 1,421-1,425: Jan, 1,378-1,394: March, 1,316-1,360. Sales: 2,270 lots including 53 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): April, 210.25-10.50: June, 193.25-93.00: Aug, 181.50-81.75: Oct, 170-71.75: Dec, 158-59: Feb, 155-54. Sales, 42 lots.

PALM OIL was quiet.—Feb, £270-80 per metric ton: March, £270-80: April, £260-70: May, £260-70: June, £260-70: July, £260-70: Aug, £260-70: Sept, £260-70: Oct, £260-70.

COCOA was easier March dropping by £20 and May losing £24.75.—March, £1,633-35 per metric ton: May, £1,451-52: July, £1,431-35: Sept, £1,414-15: Dec, £1,394-96: March, £1,383-85: May, £1,360-66. Sales, 4,137 lots including 9 options. ICCO prices: daily, 139.88c: 15-day average, 131.61c: 22-day average, 134.35c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were steady. The London daily price of "raws" was £1 lower at £110: the "whites" price was 50p higher at £119.—March, £118-18.10 per metric ton: May, £121.55-21.65: Aug, £123.90-23.95: Oct, £125.90-26.00: Dec, £127.80-28.00: March, £131.75-32.00: May, £134-34.75. Sales: 2,125 lots. ISA prices: 8.84c: 15-day average, 8.90c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Feb, £107-09 per metric ton: April, £103.90-04.40: June, £103.40-03.60: Aug, £104.20-04.60: Oct, £104.60-05.00: Dec, £105-06.20: Feb, £106-08.50. Sales: 106 lots including three options.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—March, 253-56: May, 250-35: July, 253-56: Oct, 236-40: Dec, 240-42: March, 243-45: May, 243-46: July, 243-45. Sales: nil.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, afloat $490 per long ton. "D" grade, afloat, $475. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs 560 per bale of 400 lbs. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs560.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent, Feb and March, £84.35 Tilbury. United State dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent, Feb, £83.25; March, £82 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French, Feb, £97.50: March, £99 trans-shipment east coast. Kenya grade 3, March £70 quoted. South African yellow, March, £67.75 quoted.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin.—BARLEY was quiet.—March, £73.20: May, £75.60: Sept, £79.40: Nov, £81.75: Jan, £84.15. Sales, 60 lots. WHEAT was quiet.—March, £84.80: May, £86.78: Sept, £83.80: Nov, £86.10. Sales, 87 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices.—

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Kent	£91	£77.60	£69.70
Lancashire	—	£78.25	£70.70

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 3.—GB: Cattle 63.34p per KgLW (+1.32). UK: Sheep 131.1p per Kg EstDCW (+0.4). GB: Pigs 59.8p per KgLW (−0.5). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 13.6 per cent, average price 63.41p (+1.43). Sheep numbers down 11.2 per cent, average price 131.5p (+0.5). Pig numbers down 14.2 per cent, average price 59.8p (−0.5). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 18.1 per cent, average price 63.09p (+2.11). Sheep numbers down 15.7 per cent, average price 130.5p (no change).

Wall Street

New York, Feb 3.—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed mixed in light trading today with the market showing a narrow advance but several blue chips showing moderate losses.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.50 points to 770.88. Some 685 issues gained with about 635 lower.

Volume totalled 19,409,000 shares, down from 23,050,000 shares yesterday.

Brokers reported some profit-taking in blue chip issues on recent gains.

Coffee gains 2.50c

New York, Feb 3.—**COFFEE** futures in "C" contract closed 0.25 to 2.50 cents higher on light volume of 380 lots. Traders attributed the market's rally in the past two days to a growing feeling that roasters will be back in the market next week. *March*, 192.00c; *May*, 173.00c; *July*, 159.05-10c; Sept, 152.50-75c; Dec, 140.00-1.50c; March, 141.88c nominal; May, unquoted; July, unquoted.

COCOA.—Futures closed mixed—0.55 cents lower to 0.90 cent higher. March, 135.56c; May, 135.55c; July, 121.30c; Sept, 118.80c; Dec, 116.00c; March, 114.00c; *May*, 112.40c.

SUGAR. Futures in No 11 contract were: March, 9.24-25c; May, 9.55-56c; July, 9.70-73c; Sept, 9.84-87c; Oct, 9.98-77c; Jan, 10.15c bid; March, 10.49-54c; May, 10.70-76c; July, 10.88-90c.

COTTON. Futures were: March, 56.20-30c; May, 57.40-50c; July, 58.35-45c; Oct, 59.25c; Dec, 59.55-60c; March, 60.40-50c; May, 60.75-14c; July, July, 61.00-30c.

SILVER. Futures closed at the lows in quiet trade. Prices were 1.80 cent higher to 0.30 cent lower. Feb, 487.70c; March, 490.50c; April, 494.00c; May, 497.50c; July, 504.50c; Sept, 511.70c; *Dec*, 522.80c; Jan, 526.40c; March, 533.90c; May, 541.40c; July, 549.00c; Sept, 556.60c; Dec, 568.00c. Handy and Harman 488.80c (previous 487.50c).

GOLD.—On the comex prices were 70 cents higher to 28 cents lower. Prices on the IMM were 70 cents higher to 10 cents lower. CHICAGO IMM.—March $175.60-175.30; June $179.00-179.50; Sept $182.80 bid; Dec $186.80; March $190.70; June $194.70 asked; Sept $198.70; Dec $202.70 bid. NY COMEX.—Feb $174.70; March $175.60; April $176.70; June $179.10; Aug $181.50; Oct $184.00; Dec $186.50; Feb $189.00; April $191.80; June $194.70; Aug $197.60; Oct $200.50; Dec $203.50.

COPPER. Futures closed steady between 60 and 70 points up. Feb, 57.30c; March, 57.60c; April, 58.10c; May, 58.60c; July, 59.60c; Sept, 60.50c; Dec, 61.80c; Jan, 62.30c; March, 63.20c; May, 64.10c; July, 65.10c; Sept, 66.00c; Dec, 67.40c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Meal futures closed with $1.50 to $0.50 a ton losses while Oil futures finished with gains of 0.14 to 0.02 cent a lb.—**SOYABEANS**: March, 572½-73½c; May, 580½-81½c; July, 586½-87½c; Aug, 587c; Sept, 577c; Nov, 575-76½c; Jan, 582½c; March, 590c. **SOYABEAN OIL**: March, 20.90-85c; May, 20.60-61c; July, 20.55-50c; Aug, 20.50-40c; Sept, 19.96-20.00c; Oct, 19.60c; Dec, 19.36-35c; Jan, 19.35-40c; March, 19.35-40c. **SOYABEAN MEAL**: March, $150.50-0.60; May, $154.00-4.60; July, $157.90-8.00; Aug, $159.20-9.40; *Sept*, $159.00; *Oct*, $158.50-8.00; Dec, $161.00-1.50; Jan, $161.50-2.00; March, $163.00-4.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT.—March, 267½-68c; May, 273½c; July, 278½c; Sept, 283c; Dec, 291½c; March, 295½c. CORN.—March, 226½c; May, 230½-¼c; July, 230-30½c; Sept, 227½c; Dec, 226½c; March, 231½c. OATS.—March, 133c; May, 133½c; July, 135½c; Sept, 136½c asked; Dec, 142½c asked.

	Feb 3	Feb 2
Allied Chem	37⅛	37⅛
Allied Stores	19	19
Allied Supermkt	2⅝	2⅝
Allis Chalmers	24½	24½
Alcoa	39⅛	39⅛
Amax Inc	33⅛	33⅛
Amerada Hess	24⅛	23⅞
Am Airlines	10⅛	10⅛
Am Brands	43⅛	43⅛
Am Broadcast	35⅞	35⅞
Am Can	36⅛	36⅛
Am Cyanamid	25	25⅛
Am Elec Power	24	23⅞
Am Home	28⅛	28⅛
Am Motors	4⅛	4⅛
Am Nat Res	40½	41
Am Standard	35⅛	35
Am Telephone	59⅛	59⅛
AMF Inc	17	17
Armco Steel	28⅛	28⅛
Asarco	14⅛	14⅛
Ashland Oil	28⅛	28⅛
Atlantic Richfield	45⅞	46⅛
Avco	17⅛	17⅛
Avon Products	44⅞	45⅛
Babcock & Wcox	37⅛	37⅛
Bankers Tst NY	35⅛	35
Bank of America	21⅞	22
Bank of NY	30⅛	30⅛
Beatrice Foods	22⅛	22⅛
Bell & Howell	14⅞	14⅞
Bendix	33⅛	33⅛
Bethlehem Steel	22⅛	22⅛
Boeing	27⅛	27⅛
Boise Cascade	23⅞	24⅛
Borden	29⅛	29⅛
Borg Warner	26⅛	26⅛
Bristol Myers	32⅛	32⅛
BP	14⅞	15
Budd	32⅛	32⅛
Burlington Ind	20⅛	20⅛
Burlington Nthn	40⅛	40⅛
Burroughs	63⅛	65
Campbell Soup	32⅛	32⅛
Canadian Pacific	15	15
Caterpillar	50	50⅛
Celanese	37⅛	38⅛
Central Soya	13⅛	13⅛
Charter NY	27⅛	27⅛
Chase Manhat	28⅛	28⅛
Chem Bank NY	39⅛	40
Chesapeake Ohio	13	13⅛
Chrysler	13⅛	13⅛
Citicorp	19⅛	20
Cities Service	47⅛	47⅛
Clark Equip	31⅛	31⅛
Coca Cola	38⅛	38⅛
Colgate	19⅛	20
CBS	46	46⅛
Columbia Gas	28	28
Combustion Eng	33⅛	34⅛
Comwlth Edison	27⅛	27⅛
Cons Edison	22⅛	22⅛
Cons Foods	22	22⅛
Cons Power	22	23
Continental Grp	31⅛	31⅛
Continental Oil	27⅛	27⅛
Control Data	23⅛	23⅛
Corning Glass	48⅛	48⅛
CPC Intnl	43	43⅛
Crane	25⅛	25⅛
Crocker Int	24	24⅛
Crown Zeller	30⅛	31
Dart Ind	36	36⅛
Deere	24	24
Del Monte	23⅛	22
Delta Air	39	39
Detroit Edison	16⅛	16⅛
Disney	33⅛	33⅛
Dow Chemical	24⅛	25
Dresser Ind	39⅛	40
Duke Power	21⅛	21⅛
Du Pont	108⅛	108⅛
Eastern Air	7	7⅛
Eastman Kodak	45	45⅛
Eaton Corp	34⅛	35⅛
El Paso Nat Gas	15⅛	15⅛
Equitable Life	24⅛	24⅛
Esmark	26⅛	27
Evans P. D.	15	14⅛
Exxon Corp	44⅛	44⅛
Fed Dept Stores	36	36⅛
Firestone	14⅛	15
Fst Chicago	17⅛	17⅛
Fst Nat Boston	25	24⅛
Fst Penn Corp	16⅛	16
Ford	41⅞	41⅞
GAF Corp	11⅛	11⅛
Gamble Skogmo	27⅛	27⅛
Gen Dynamics	41⅞	41⅞
Gen Electric	46⅛	46⅛
Gen Foods	29⅛	30
Gen Mills	28⅛	28⅛
Gen Motors	58⅛	59⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	19⅛	19
Gen Tel Elec	28⅛	28⅛
Gen Tire	24	23⅛
Genesco	5⅛	5⅛
Georgia Pacific	27⅛	28⅛
Getty Oil	161½	161½
Gillette	24⅛	25
Goodrich	19⅛	19⅛
Goodyear	16⅛	16⅛
Gould Inc	28⅛	29
Grace	25⅛	25⅛
Gt Atltc & Pacific	7⅛	7⅛
Greyhound	12⅛	12⅛
Grumman Corp	16	15⅛
Gulf Oil	24⅛	25
Gulf & West	11⅛	11⅛
Heinz H. J.	38⅛	38⅛
Hercules	15	15
Honeywell	44⅛	44⅛
IC Inds	23⅛	23⅛
Ingersoll	57⅛	58
Inland Steel	35⅛	36⅛
IBM	263⅞	262⅛
Int Harvester	28⅛	28⅛
INCO	15⅛	16
Int Paper	39	39⅛
Int Tel Tel	29⅛	29⅛
Jewel Co	18⅛	18⅛
Jim Walter	28⅛	28⅛
Johns-Manville	29⅛	28⅛
Johnson & John	70⅛	70⅛
Kaiser Alumin	28⅛	29⅛
Kennecott	23⅛	23⅛
Kerr McGee	43⅛	44⅛
Kimberly Clark	42⅛	42⅛
Kraftco Corp	43⅛	43⅛
K Mart	24⅛	25
Kroger	28⅛	28⅛
Liggett Group	25⅛	25⅛
L.T.V. Corp	6⅛	6⅛
Litton	14⅛	14⅛
Lockheed	15⅛	15⅛
Lucky Stores	13⅛	13⅛
Manuf Hanover	33⅛	32⅛
Mapco	33⅛	33
Marathon Oil	42⅛	42⅛
Marine Midland	14⅛	14⅛
Martin Marietta	23⅛	23⅛
McDonnell	24	23⅛
Mead	20	20⅛
Merck	52⅛	53⅛
Minnesota Mng	47⅛	47⅛
Mobil Oil	59⅛	60⅛
Monsanto	50	50⅛
Morgan J. P.	41⅛	41⅛
Motorola	35⅛	36⅛
NCR Corp	40⅛	40⅛
NL Industries	16	16⅛
Nabisco	49⅛	48⅛
Nat Distillers	21⅛	21⅛
Nat Steel	31	31⅛
Norfolk West	27⅛	27⅛
NW Bancorp	22⅛	22⅛
Norton Simon	18⅛	18⅛
Occidental Pet	21⅛	21⅛
Ogden	23⅛	23⅛
Olin Corp	15⅛	15⅛
Owens-Illinois	20⅛	20⅛
Pacific Gas Elec	23⅛	23⅛
Pan Am	5⅛	5
Penney J. C.	33⅛	33⅛
Pennzoil	28⅛	29⅛
Pepsico	25⅛	25⅛
Pet Inc	37	36⅛
Pfizer	27⅛	28
Phelps Dodge	19	19⅛
Philip Morris	58⅛	59
Phillips Petrol	29⅛	29⅛
Polaroid	25⅛	25⅛
PPG Ind	24⅛	24⅛
Proctor Gamble	78	79⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	22⅛	22⅛
Pullman	24⅛	24⅛
Rapid American	6	5⅞
Raytheon	30⅛	31
RCA Corp	25	24⅛
Republic Steel	23⅛	24
Reynolds Ind	55⅛	55⅛
Reynolds Metal	29⅛	29⅛
Rockwell Int	29⅛	29⅛
Royal Dutch	56⅛	56
Safeways	38⅛	38⅛
St Regis Paper	27⅛	28⅛
Santa Fe Ind	36	35⅛
SCM	17⅛	17⅛
Schlumberger	68	68
Scott Paper	13⅛	14
Seaboard Coast	34⅛	34⅛
Seagram	21⅛	21⅛
Sears Roebuck	25⅛	25⅛
Shell Oil	29⅛	29⅛
Shell Trans	37⅛	37⅛
Signal Co	28⅛	29
Singer	19⅛	18⅛
Sony	7⅛	7⅛
Sth Cal Edison	25⅛	26
Southern Pacific	33⅛	33⅛
Southern Rly	48⅛	49⅛
Sperry Rand	32⅛	33⅛
Squibb	24⅛	24⅛
Std Brands	28⅛	28⅛
Std Oil California	37⅛	38⅛
Std Oil Indiana	46⅛	46⅛
Std Oil Ohio	67	68⅛
Sterling Drug	13⅛	13⅛
Stevens J. P.	15	15
Stude Worth	47⅛	46⅛
Sunbeam Corp	19⅛	19⅛
Sun Comp	38⅛	38⅛
Sundstrand	33⅛	32⅛
Teledyne	67	67
Tenneco	29⅛	29⅛
Texaco	26	26
Texas East Trans	40⅛	39⅛
Texas Inst	69⅛	74⅛
Texas Utilities	19⅛	19⅛
Textron	24⅛	24⅛
TWA	11⅛	11⅛
Travelers Corp	26⅛	27
TRW Inc	30⅛	30⅛
UAL Inc	20⅛	20⅛
Unilever Ltd	42⅛	42⅛
Unilever NV	54⅛	54⅛
Union Bancorp	13	13
Union Carbide	39⅛	39
Union Oil Calif	48⅛	48⅛
Un Pacific Corp	45⅛	44
Uniroyal	7⅛	7⅛
United Brands	7⅛	7⅛
US Industries	7⅛	7⅛
US Steel	27⅛	28
Utd Technol	34⅛	34⅛
Wachovia	16⅛	16⅛
Warner Comm	30⅛	31⅛
Warner Lambert	27⅛	27⅛
Wells Fargo	25⅛	25⅛
West'n Bancorp	30⅛	30⅛
Westnghse Elec	18	18⅛
Weyerhauser	23⅛	23⅛
Whirlpool	21	21
White Motor	7⅛	7
Woolworth	18	18⅛
Xerox Corp	44⅛	45⅛
Zenith	13⅛	13⅛

Canadian Prices

	Feb 3	Feb 2
Abitibi	10⅛	10⅛
Alcan Alumin	26⅛	26⅛
Algoma Steel	15⅛	15⅛
Bell Telephone	52⅛	52⅛
Comineo	27	26⅛
Cons Bathurst	24	24
Falconbridge	17⅛	17⅛
Gulf Oil	27⅛	28⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	5.88	5.88
Hudson Bay Min	16	16⅛
Hudson Bay Oil	43	43⅛
Imasco	29⅛	29⅛
Imperial Oil	18⅛	18⅛
Int Pipe	13⅛	13⅛
Mass-Fergsn	14⅛	15⅛
Royal Trust	16	16⅛
Seagram	23⅛	23⅛
Steel Co	23⅛	23⅛
Talcorp	8⅛	8⅛
Thomson N 'A'	11⅛	11⅛
Walker Hiram	30⅛	29⅛
WCT	32⅛	32⅛

ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9422 (1.9500); three months, 1.9427 (1.9327); Canadian dollar 90.24 (90.24).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 348.56. The futures index was 332.63.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 770.88 (775.38); transportation 212.99 (212.65); utilities 105.31 (105.48); 65 stocks, 271.43 (272.16).

New York Stock Exchange index, 44.72 (44.93); industrials 53.20 (53.33); transportation, 37.62 (37.43); utilities, 39.04 (38.98); financial, 50.80 (50.87).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)	Bid	Offer
Australia 7¾ 1984	95	95½
Australia 8½ 1992	95¼	96
Aust Mining 9¾ 1992	98	98¾
Avco 9½ 1985	99¾	100½
Barclays 8½ 1992	98	98½
Bowater 9½ 1992	96½	97½
British Gas 9 1981	101¼	101¾
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	96½	97¼
Citicorp 7 1981	96¼	97
CECA 8¾ 1989	96¼	97
CECA 8¼ 1997	96¼	97
DSM 8¾ 1987	96½	97
Elf Aquitaine 8¾ 1985	96½	97
EIB 8½ 1987	98½	99
EEC 7¾ 1984	96	96½
Fison 8¾ 1992	94¼	95
Gotaverken 7¾ 1982	98	98½
Gotaverken 8¾ 1987	98	98½
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	95¾	96
ICI 8¾ 1987	96	96½
IU O'seas 8¾ 1987	97½	98
Light-Service 9 1982	97¾	98¼
MacMillan Bloed 9 1992	96¼	97
Midland Int 8½ 1992	96¼	97
NCB 8 1987	96¼	97¼
Nat West 9 1986	101½	102½
New Zealand DFC 7¾ 1984	95¼	96¼
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	96¼	96¾
Occidental 8½ 1987	97¼	98
Occidental 9½ 1981	102½	103
Offshore Mining 8½ 1985	95¼	96
Quebec 9 1995	95¾	96¼
Rank Hovis 9 1992	94	94¾
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	98	98¾
Sandvik 9½ 1986	99¾	100
Statsforetag 7¾ 1982	96½	97
Sundstrand 8¾ 1987	97½	98½
Sweden 7¾ 1982	97¾	98
Sweden 8½ 1987	95	95½
Thuernautobahn 8¾ 1987	96¼	97¼
Walter Kidde 8½ 1985	96¼	97¼
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Andelsbanken 7 11/16 1984	96	96½
CCF 6¾ 1984	99	99½
IBJ 7 11/16 1982	99	99½
LTCB 6¾ 1982	99	99½
OKB 6¾ 1983	99	99½
Soc Gen 7 9/16 1984	97¾	98¼
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9½ 1983	98¼	99
BNP-Rt 8¾ 1982	97½	98¼
Ford 8½ 1984	97¾	98½
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	98¾	99¼
Rank 9½ 1932	99¼	100
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	98½	99¼
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6½ 1.7.84	103	103¾
ICI 6½ 1.5.87	106	106½
New Zealand 6½ 1.5.84	105½	106
Payrn 6½ 1.9.89	101½	102½
Quebec Hydro 6½ 16.8.87	100¼	101¼
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¾ 1987	80½	82
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	94	96
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	106¾	108½
Beecham 6½ 1992	96½	97½
Borden 6¾ 1991	108	110
Carnation 4 1988	77½	79½
Chevron 5 1988	122	124
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	82½	84½
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	80	82
Ford 5 1988	81½	83½
Ford 6 1986	82	84
General Electric 4¾ 1987	81	83
Gillette 4¾ 1987	77½	79½
Gould 5 1987	114	116
Gulf & Western 5 1988	78	80
Honeywell 6 1986	85½	87½
ICI 6¾ 1992	83½	85½
INA 6 1997	93	94½
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	102½	103½
ITT 4½ 1987	75½	77½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	149	151
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	114¾	115¾
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	95½	97½
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	99½	101½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	79½	81½
Revlon 4¾ 1987	107	109
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	82½	84½
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	82	84
Squibb 4¾ 1987	78	80
Sumitomo Electric 6 1992	119½	121
Texaco 4½ 1988	77½	79½
Union Bank 9 Switz 4½ 1987	137	139
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	80	82
Xerox Corp 5 1988	77	79

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.07c prem-.03c disc	.03c prem-.08c disc
Montreal	.05c prem-.05c disc	.10c prem-par
Amsterdam	1c prem-par	2½-1½c prem
Brussels	par-10c disc	par-10c disc
Copenhagen	5-15ore disc	25-35ore disc
Frankfurt	1¼-½pf prem	4¼-3¼pf prem
Lisbon	55-110c disc	430-640c disc
Madrid	00-140c disc	390-470c disc
Milan	10-18lr disc	37-43lr disc
Oslo	4½-6½ore disc	17-15ore disc
Paris	7¾-5¾c disc	18¾-20¾c disc
Stockholm	3-5ore disc	10¾-12¾ore disc
Vienna	2-12gro disc	5-27gro disc
Zurich	2¾-1¾c prem	7-6c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar) $0.9017-20.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¾-7; seven days, 6¾-7; one month, 6¾-7½; three months, 7¾-7⅞; six months, 7⅞-7¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $175.20 (an ounce); pm, $175.25.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $180-182 (£92¾-93¾); resident, $182¾-187 (£93½-96¾). Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $56¼-57¼ (£29¼-29¾); resident, $55¾-57¾ (£29¼-29¾).

Discount market

Discount houses enjoyed comfortable conditions for the third day in succession yesterday. Again the authorities stayed on the sidelines and allowed money left in the system to be carried forward by the banks. Funds came steadily to the houses from the outset.

Lenders tried for rates up to 6 per cent at the outset, but they had no real success at anything above 5½ per cent. At that level, the houses started to take funds, and they continued to attract money on declining rates, with 4 per cent reached by lunchtime.

The main sources of liquidity were above-target bank balances brought over from Thursday and a fairly large excess of Exchequer disbursements over tax transfers.

Foreign Exchange

The French franc and sterling dominated proceedings on the foreign exchange markets yesterday. Sterling at one stage dipped to $1.9320 but recovered to close 80 points lower on balance at $1.9415. The effective exchange index also retreated closing at 66.4 against 66.7 on Thursday. Dealers said pressure on sterling reflected overseas nervous selling after the rejection by power workers and miners of wage offers within government guidelines.

Gold gained $0.25 an ounce to close in London at $174.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) February 3	Market rates (close) February 3
New York	$1.9320-9500	$1.9410-9420
Montreal	$2.1380-1620	$2.1520-1530
Amsterdam	4.34-42fl	4.37½-38½fl
Brussels	62.20-63.60f	62.30-40f
Copenhagen	11.06-19k	11.10-11k
Frankfurt	4.06-12m	4.07½-08½m
Lisbon	77.50-78.70e	78.20-50e
Madrid	156.80-157.80p	157.60-75p
Milan	1684-92lr	1684-85lr
Oslo	9.90-10.03k	9.95-96k
Paris	9.42-55f	9.51-52f
Stockholm	8.98-9.07k	9.04-05k
Tokyo	465-73y	469-72y
Vienna	29.10-50sch	29.30-40sch
Zurich	3.79-84f	3.81½-82½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was 66.4 (?), down 0.3 points.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½% (Last changed 6/1/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend High 5¾ Low 3
Week Fixed: 5½-5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5⅞	2 months	5⅞
3 months	5⅞	3 months	5⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	5⅞-5¾	3 months	6¾
3 months	5⅞-5¾	4 months	6⅞
4 months	5⅞-5¾	6 months	6⅞
6 months	6⅛-6		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6¼-6⅛	7 months	6⅞-6¾
2 months	6¼-6⅛	8 months	6⅞-6¾
3 months	6¼-6⅛	9 months	7⅛-7
4 months	6½-6⅜	10 months	7⅛-7
5 months	6½-6⅜	11 months	7¼-7⅛
6 months	6½-6⅜	12 months	7¼-7⅛

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	6¼-6⅛	6 months	6¾-6⅝
3 months	6⅜-6¼	12 months	7¼-7⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	6¼	3 months	6½
7 days	6½	6 months	6¾
1 month	6⅜	1 year	7¼-7⅛

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 5¼-6¾ Close 4

1 week	6¼-5¾	6 months	7⅛-6⅞
1 month	6¼-6	9 months	7⅛-6⅞
3 months	6⅜-6¼	12 months	7⅜-7¼

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 7¼ 6 months 7¼

Finance House Base Rate 7½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£575m	allotted	£300m
Bids at	£98.51	received	70%
Last week	£98.52	received	10%
Average rate	5.9775%	Last week	5.7895%
Next week	£300m	replace	£450m

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
34.1	24.2	Abbey Capital	30.6	32.8	4.86
44.3	36.7	Abbey General	42.4	45.1	4.06
40.3	24.3	Do Income	36.2	38.5	6.71
34.6	27.6	Do Invest	31.4	33.6	4.49
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1			
76.3	51.4	Alben Trust (3)	72.9	77.4	4.00
64.9	47.9	Do Inc (3)	62.7	67.4	6.35
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
72.7	53.6	Allied Capital	66.6	71.2	4.42
66.6	50.8	Do 1st	61.8	66.1	5.50
62.2	48.5	Brit Ind 2nd	59.8	63.9	5.58
36.0	27.5	Growth & Inc	34.8	37.2	5.37
32.6	24.0	Elec & Ind Dev	30.5	32.6	5.27
40.4	32.4	Met Min & Cmdty	36.4	38.9	5.88
62.6	45.4	High Income	59.5	63.5	7.99

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Insurance Bonds and Funds

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Offshore and International Funds

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* Ex dividend. ** Not available to the general public. + Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. x Ex all. e Dealings suspended. s Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium.

Stock Exchange Prices

Foods under pressure

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 30. Dealings End, Feb 10. § Contango Day, Feb 13. Settlement Day, Feb 21

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
31¹¹⁄₁₆	95¾	Treas 9½% 1978	100¼	-1/16	8.973	9.916
34¾	97¼	Treas 10¼% 1978	102⅝	-1/16	10.289	5.216
30¼	80⁷⁄₁₆	Exch 5% 1976-78	98⅝	..	5.019	5.587
77	95¾	Treas 11½% 1979	104½	-1/16	11.020	7.242
37¾	84⅝	Treas 3% 1979	94⅛	-⅛	3.182	6.482
09¾	83¾	Elec 4¼% 1974-79	96	-⅛	4.428	6.876
03¾	97⅝	Treas 10½% 1979	103⁵⁄₁₆	-1/16	10.175	8.462
77¼	84⅞	Elec 3½% 1976-79	94⅛	-⅛	3.687	6.611
64	87¹³⁄₁₆	Treas C 9% 1980	100¼	-⅛	8.919	8.534
5¾	89⅛	Treas 9½% 1980	101¼	-⅛	9.384	8.806
5	83¾	Treas 3½% 1977-80	93¾	-⅛	3.745	6.586
8¼	83⅝	Fund 5¼% 1978-80	94¾	-⅛	5.564	7.919
7½	96¼	Exch 13% 1980	107⁹⁄₁₆	-⅛	12.072	9.778
0½	92⅜	Treas 11½% 1981	104⅝	-⅛	11.026	9.768
3½	77¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas 3½% 1979-81	90½	-⅛	3.866	7.047
4	88⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 9¼% 1981	99⁵⁄₁₆	-⅛	9.768	9.818
7¾	95¹¹⁄₁₆	Exch 8¼% 1981	93¹¹⁄₁₆	-⅛	8.824	9.789
0¼	87⁷⁄₁₆	Exch 9½% 1981	99⅛	-⅛	9.578	9.736
5¾	87⁷⁄₁₆	Exch 3% 1981	87⅜	-⅛	3.421	6.797
5¾	96¼	Exch 12¾% 1981	108¼	-⅛	11.786	10.083
9¾	83¼	Treas 8¼% 1980-82	96¼	-⅛	8.833	9.663
9¼	72¼	Treas 3% 1982	84½	-⅛	3.554	7.538
4	101¼	Treas 14% 1982	112¾	-⅛	12.460	10.295
4	93¾	Treas 8¼% 1982	94¼	-⅛	8.734	9.595
4	93¾	Exch 9¼% 1982	97¼	-⅛	9.517	10.016
7¾	81¼	Exch 3% 1983	81¼	-⅛	3.682	7.477
4	95¼	Treas 12% 1983	111½	-⅛	11.239	10.260
1	96½	Treas 9¼% 1983	96¼	-⅛	9.610	10.175
	72½	Fund 5½% 1982-84	86½	-⅛	6.389	8.520
	77¼	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	94	-⅛	9.105	9.671
	77	Fund 6½% 1985-87	84½	-⅛	7.856	9.323
	54¼	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	86¼	-⅛	9.005	10.007
	60¼	Treas 5% 1979-88	88¼	-⅛	4.656	8.163
	84¾	Treas 5% 1986-89	71¼	-⅛	7.170	9.309
	93¾	Treas 13% 1990	110¼	-1¼	11.823	11.504
	77¼	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	85¼	-1	9.768	10.511
	0¾	Treas 11¾% 1991	101½	-1¼	11.677	11.649
	4	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	71	-1	8.322	10.041
	88¾	Treas 12¾% 1992	107¼	-1¼	11.919	11.753
	89½	Treas 10% 1992	89½	-1¼	11.133	11.474
	88¾	Exch 12¼% 1992	102¾	-1¼	11.851	11.776
	84¾	Treas 12½% 1993	105½	-1¼	11.827	11.809
	81¾	Fund 6% 1993	68½	-1	9.063	10.447
	96	Treas 13¾% 1993	115¼	-1¼	12.243	11.978
	99	Treas 14½% 1994	117½	-1¼	12.375	11.965
	94¼	Exch 12½% 1994	104	-1¼	11.929	11.872
	66½	Treas 9% 1994	86	-1¼	10.720	11.117
	97¼	Treas 12% 1995	101¼	-1¼	11.825	11.790
	32¾	Gas 3% 1990-95	49¼	-⅛	6.194	8.905
	87¼	Treas 12¾% 1995	109¼	-1¼	12.007	11.938
	67	Treas 9% 1992-96	86½	-1¼	10.850	11.216
	101¼	Treas 15¼% 1996	126½	-1¼	12.443	12.153
	88¾	Exch 13¼% 1996	112¾	-1¼	12.083	11.940
	32	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	47½	-⅛	6.437	8.933
	87½	Treas 13¼% 1997	110¼	-1¼	12.073	11.940
	90¾	Exch 10½% 1997	91¼	-1¼	11.433	11.569
	66¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	80	-1¼	10.860	11.219
	51	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	67¼	-1	10.227	10.965
	103½	Treas 15½% 1998	130¼	-1¼	12.3..	12.142
	66¼	Treas 9½% 1999	86½	-1¼	11.061	11.269
	27¼	Fund 3½% 1999-04	39¼	-⅛	8.821	10.067
	57¼	Treas 8% 2002-06	76½	-1	10.563	11.045
	40¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	51½	-⅛	10.503	10.770
	53½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	71½	-1	10.816	10.907
	26¼	Consols 4%	35¼	-⅛	11.409	..
	25¼	War Ln 3½%	35¼	-⅛	9.925	..
	26¼	Conv 3½%	37¼	-⅛	9.394	..
	20¼	Treas 3%	26¼	-⅛	11.603	..
	17¼	Consols 2½%	22¼	-⅛	11.158	..
	17¼	Treas 2½% Aft 75	22½	-⅛	11.565	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
	81¾	Aust 5½% 76-78	101¼	..	5.520	7.785
	79¼	Aust 5½% 77-80	94½	-⅛	5.843	9.003
	69¾	Aust 5½% 81-82	87	-½	6.461	9.969
	65¾	Aust 6% 81-83	84	-½	7.223	9.933
	77½	Aust 7% 79-81	91	-½	7.654	9.362
	90	Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
	81¼	E Africa 5¾% 77-83	74	..	7.846	12.832
	197	German 4½% 1930	340	..	..	..
	32½	Hungary 4½% 1924	40	..	..	..
	69¾	Ireland 7½% 81-83	87¼	..	..	..
	84¾	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	94½	..	8.056	10.799
	225	Japan Ass 4% 1910	285	+3	..	..
	63	Japan 6% 83-88	84	..	..	..
	65	Kenya 5% 78-82	76½	..	6.526	12.571
	69¼	Malaya 7½% 78-82	83½	-½	8.966	12.352
	81½	N Z 6% 76-80	93	-½	6.423	8.905
	53¾	N Z 7½% 88-92	72	-½	10.151	11.339
	66¾	N Z 7½% 83-86	77	-½	8.713	10.823
	74	N Rhd 6% 78-81	89	..	6.761	10.574
	74	Nyasa 6% 78-81	89	..	6.761	10.574
	145	Peru 6% Ass	155	..	..	..
	82	S Africa 9½% 79-81	94½	..	..	..
	30	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	64	-2	..	..
	30	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	60	-2	..	..
	44	S Rhd 6% 78-81	88	-2	..	..
	45	Spanish 4%	45	..	..	..
	67	Tang 5½% 78-82	78½	..	7.290	12.100
	60	Uruguay 3½%	93	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
20¼		L C C 3% 1920	25	..	12.406	..
64¾		L C C 5% 80-83	81½	-½	6.237	10.075
72		L C C 5½% 77-81	91½	-½	5.961	8.197
62		L C C 5½% 82-84	80	-½	6.883	9.784
53¾		L C C 5½% 85-87	71½	-1	7.147	10.445
81¼		L C C 6% 76-79	95¼	-½	6.269	8.597
52¾		L C C 6½% 85-90	73¼	-1	9.197	10.656
82		G L C 9% 80-82	98½	-½	9.784	11.213
82		G L C 9½% 80-83	97¼	-½	9.739	10.169
93¼		G L C 12½% 1982	104½	-½	11.953	11.310
91		G L C 13¾% 1983	104	-½	11.966	11.448
89¾		C of L 6¾% 76-78	99¾	-½	6.505	6.812
70½		C of L 6¾% 80-82	88½	-½	7.509	10.363
69¾		Ag Mt 7½% 81-84	89	-1	8.906	10.757
55¾		Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	74½	-1	10.810	11.767
52¾		Ag Mt 6½% 85-90	71½	-1	9.595	11.315
73½		Belfast 6½% 77-80	91½	-½	7.103	10.100
84½		Brightn 6¾% 76-79	97	-½	6.690	9.063
85		Camden 6½% 77-79	96	..	6.627	8.431
72½		Croydon 6½% 78-81	89½	..	7.616	10.471
85½		Edin 6½% 77-79	98¼	-½	6.617	8.300
89		Glasgow 9½% 80-82	96½	-½	9.580	10.176
89		Gwich 6¾% 76-78	99¾	..	6.764	7.143
96¼		Liverpl 13½% 1981	107¼	-½	12.514	10.753
22¾		Met Water B 3% 34-03	30½	-½	10.169	11.674
76½		N I 7% 78-80	95	..	7.380	13.831
60		N I 7½% 82-84	81½	-½	8.728	11.862
65		N I Elec 6¼% 81-83	81	..	7.937	10.990
89½		Notts 6¾% 76-78	99½	-½	6.781	7.063
84		Sthend 5½% 77-79	95½	..	5.417	8.718
60¾		Swark 6½% 83-86	80¼	-½	8.496	10.409
77¼		Surrey 6½% 78-80	95¼	..	6.681	9.845

Investment Dollar Premium 77½% (77¾).
Premium Conversion Factor 0.7540.

FOREIGN STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
	40½	Bayer	£44	+1¼	197	4.5	19.5
	11¾	Commerzbank	£14¾	+¾	44.2	3.1	16.5
	17½	Cp Fn Paris	£19¾	..	187	9.7	6.3
	43	EBES	£48	..	281	5.7	..
	14	Ericsson	£19	..	69.2	3.6	21.4
	5	Finsider	7	..	..	..	..
	4½	Granges	£7¾	..	..	..	..
	385	Hoechst	410	+10	19.7	4.8	14.1
	8	Montecatini E	9	..	..	..	..
	170	Robeco fl.5	505	+9	29.7	5.9	28.9
	125	Rolinco Subs fl 5	355	+8	..	..	45.2
	30	Snia Viscosa	32	..	..	..	..
	10	Thyssen-Huette	775	+15	..	..	15.9
	42	Volkswagen	£6¾	+1	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
	8¾	Brascan	£8¾	+¾	57.4g	6.5	3.9
	6²³⁄₃₂	BP Canada	£9¾	..	..	..	..
	9½	Can Pac Ord	£10¾	+⅛	47.0	4.6	7.3
	8⅞	El Paso	£10¾	+⅛	41.7	3.9	20.2
	27¾	Exxon Corp	£31¾	+⅛	..	..	..
	20¾	Fluor	£22¾	+⅛	63.7	2.8	10.0
	16¹³⁄₁₆	Hollinger	£18¾	+⅛	..	..	..
	24¾	Hud Bay Oil	£26¹¹⁄₁₆	+⅛	28.9	1.1	50.2
	14⅝	Husky Oil	£16¾	+¾	..	..	..
	9¹³⁄₁₆	INCO	£10¾	+¼	56.3	5.6	6.5
	6⅛	IU Int	£7¾	+¾	48.2	6.0	10.7
	18½	Kaiser Alum	£20	+¾	82.1	4.1	..
	8¾	Massey-Ferg	£9¾	+⅛	56.1	6.3	2.7
	11⅞	Norton Simon	£12½	+¾	43.7	3.5	10.0
	20	Pacific Petrol	£23⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
	17¼	Pan Canadian	£19¾	+⅛	..	..	..
	30	Steep Rock	137	+3	..	..	..
	8½	Trans Can P	£9¾	+⅛	..	..	..
	19¾	US Steel	£19¾	..	..	..	..
	25	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
	7½	Zapata Corp	£11½	+¾	15.7	1.4	5.5

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
	65	Alexs Discount	250	..	21.7	8.7	5.7
	50	Allen H & Ross	470	..	46.5	9.9	8.4
	0½	Allied Irish	158	..	10.0b	6.4	5.5
	8	Arb-Latham	165	..	14.3	8.7	11.3
	2	ANZ Grp	250	..	11.6b	4.6	6.3
	3½	Bank America	£15¾	+¾	49.0	3.2	12.0
	7½	Bk of Ireland	337	..	20.1b	6.0	8.1
	5	Bk Leumi Israel	19	..	11.2	58.7	1.7
	6	Bk Leumi UK	170	..	11.2	6.6	15.2
	0	Bk of NSW	395	+5	18.6	4.7	8.5
	3	Bk of Scotland	285	-10	16.5	5.8	7.5
	1¾	Bnks Trst NY	£24	+⅛	175	7.3	8.7
	7	Barclays Bank	312	-5	16.4	5.2	7.7
	5	Brown Shipley	205	..	14.0	6.8	7.6
	5	Cater Ryder	280	-10	26.8	9.5	..
	7½	Chase Man	£19¾	+⅛	114	5.9	8.2
	3½	Citicorp	£13¾	+⅛	61.7	4.5	7.3
	1⅝	Clive Discount	72	-1	7.2	10.0	8.2
	0	Com Bk of Aust	165	..	10.3	5.6	8.6
	5	Com Bk of Syd	126	+4	8.3	6.5	..
	2½	CC De France	£14⅝	-⅛	121	9.2	10.0
	¾	First Nat Fin	3	..	..	..	..
	7	Fraser Ans	11¼	..	..	..	..
	0	Gerrard & Nat	170	-2	12.4	7.3	7.5
	3	Gibbs A.	42	..	3.0	7.1	15.7
	1¾	Gillett Bros	233	..	23.1	10.0	10.9
	5	Grindlays Hldgs	117	..	4.6	3.9	6.9
	3	Guinness Peat	203	-5	16.2	8.0	10.3
	2	Hambros £10	£18	..	144	8.0	..
	2	Do Ord	190	-5	14.4	7.6	5.5
	8	Hill Samuel	90	-3	6.7	7.5	7.8
	3	Hong K & Shang	255	+7	7.7b	3.0	21.9
	1½	Jessel Toynbee	70	-4	6.2	8.8	..
	5	Joseph L.	180	..	12.0	6.7	8.9
	1	Keyser Ullmann	42	..	0.5	1.2	..
	2	King & Shaxson	62	-1	5.1	8.3	6.0
	1	Kleinwort Ben	100	-2	5.9	5.9	8.3
	1	Lloyds Bank	258	..	13.2	5.1	5.2
	1	Mercury Secs	118	..	5.1	4.4	5.8
	3¾	Midland	337	-3	22.4n	6.6	5.0
	1	Minster Assets	57	-1	5.3b	9.4	8.3
	1	Nat of Aust	182	..	8.7	4.8	7.3
	1	Nat Com Bk Grp	73	..	4.0	5.5	5.4
	1	Nat W'minster	263	..	16.5	6.3	6.1
		Ottoman	£38½	..	250	6.5	20.8
		Rea Bros	63	..	2.4	3.8	13.5
	³¹⁄₁₆	Royal of Can	£15¹³⁄₁₆	+⅛	66.8	4.3	12.3
	1	Schroders	415	-5	15.7	3.8	14.7
	½	Seccombe Mar	230	..	18.7	8.1	6.8
		Smith St Aubyn	73	-1	7.3	10.0	..
		Standard Chart	400	-2	22.8	6.9	5.7
		Union Discount	440	..	31.9	7.3	5.4
		Wintrust	63	..	4.6	7.3	20.1

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
		Allied	82	..	6.0n	7.3	11.2
		Bass Charrgton	138	-1	7.3	5.3	9.3
		Belhaven Grp	40	..	..	..	..
	½	Bell A.	208	-4	7.4	3.5	8.3
		Boddingtons	140	+2	5.9	4.2	14.9
		Brown M.	106	..	5.9	5.6	12.4
		Bulmer H. P.	137	..	4.9	3.6	8.1
		Burtonwood	151	..	4.8	3.2	10.6
		C of Ldn Dfd	57	..	3.6	6.4	22.4
		Devenish	160	..	8.9	5.6	9.4
		Distillers	168	..	9.9	5.9	10.8
		Glenlivet Dist	307	h ..	6.0	1.9	12.7
		Greenall	104	-1	4.0	3.8	10.5
		Greene King	217	..	10.9	5.0	12.1
		Guinness	178	..	10.8	6.0	8.4
		Hardys & H'sons	150	..	10.6	7.1	10.1
		Highland	154	-1	4.4	2.8	23.0
		Invergordon	91	+1	3.2	3.5	11.0
		Irish Distillers	122	-1	5.4	4.4	8.3
		Marston	54	..	2.7	4.9	8.3
		Scot & Newcastle	65½	-1	4.9	7.5	14.4
		Seagram	£14¼	+⅛	45.7	3.2	10.4
		SA Breweries	60	..	6.3	10.6	4.2
		Tomatin	98	..	4.1	4.2	29.0
		Vaux	395	..	24.4	6.2	10.3
	2	Whitbread 'A'	84	-1	5.6	6.6	9.8
		Do B	87	-1	5.6	6.4	9.9
		Whitbread Inv	78	..	5.7	7.3	21.5
		Wolverhampton	184	-1	8.7	4.8	11.8

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	113	-1	8.3	7.1	8.3
142	56	AB Electronic	102	..	7.8	7.5	7.0
38	25	AC Cars	38	..	1.3	3.8	9.5
89	32	AGB Research	82	-3	3.5	4.2	13.6
228½	134	APV Hldgs	197	..	8.1	4.1	7.8
73	43	Aaronson Bros	59	-1	2.8	4.8	6.7
116	62	Acrow	114	..	3.6	3.2	13.0
98	52	Do A	78	-2	3.6	4.6	8.9
41	11	Adda Int	34½	..	0.8	2.0	..
252	150	Adwest Group	241	-4	15.2	6.2	6.7
63	34	Aero't & Gen	58	..	3.5	6.0	10.3
62	42	Airfix Ind	46	-1	4.6	9.9	6.1
131	79	Albright & W	94	..	6.5	6.9	6.1
96	69	Alcan 10½%	£89½	-½	1050	11.7	..
144	71	Do 9% Cnv	£143	..	900	6.3	..
300	205	Alginate Ind	290	..	19.7	6.8	10.7
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	56	..	6.6	11.7	..
56½	25½	Allen W. G.	54	..	4.3	7.9	6.0
100¾	44½	Allied Colloids	67	..	2.4	3.6	11.8
67	43	Allied Insulators	63	-1	5.3	8.4	7.6
17	7½	Allied Plant	15	..	1.1	6.7	9.6
200	75½	Allied Retailers	197	-1	13.2	6.7	9.5
46	30	Alpine Hldgs	39	-½	2.5	6.4	20.4
292	210	Amal Metal	277	-½	21.5	7.7	5.4
138	57¼	Amal Power	121	-1	8.0	6.6	6.7
41	21	Amber Day	37	-½	3.0	8.2	5.3
15	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	17	..	0.8n	4.4	2.6
99	41	Anchor Chem	69	..	6.0	8.7	7.7
57½	34	Anderson Strath	46	..	3.8	8.3	8.2
90	45½	Anglia TV 'A'	81	..	6.3	7.5	6.3
540	399	Anglo Amer Ind	459	..	42.9	9.5	4.2
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34	..	..	e	..
96	49	Appleyard	80	-4	6.7	8.1	7.3
29½	18½	Aquascutum 'A'	26	-1	2.1	8.4	8.1
123	66¼	Arlington Mtr	115	-2	11.7	9.9	8.9
73	38	Armitage Shanks	71	..	6.5	9.1	10.3
73	39	Armst Equip	57½	+½	3.1	5.3	9.8
53	41	Asprey Gs'y Pf	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
94	55¼	Ass Biscuit	72	-2	4.5	6.7	7.0
173	95	Ass Book	166	-4	6.1	3.7	7.3
76½	49	Ass Brit Food	59	-1	3.3	5.5	6.0
142	82	Ass Engineer	135½	-1½	7.1	6.0	6.1
71	39	Ass Fisheries	55	..	4.6	8.3	11.0
62	29½	Ass Leisure	52	..	4.3	8.2	9.7
196	121	Ass News	150	-4	8.1	5.4	8.5
57	20	Ass Paper	51	..	4.4	8.6	5.0
294	132	Ass Port Cement	234	..	13.1	5.6	7.7
119	69½	Ass Tel 'A'	103	-3	9.9	9.6	7.2
28	23	Ass Tooling	26	..	3.5n	13.3	9.6
42	28	Astbury & Mdley	39	-1	1.7	4.2	6.1
51	27	Atkins Bros	51	..	5.6	10.0	7.9
43	27	Audiotronic	33	..	..	e	8.2
37	22	Ault & Wiborg	21½	..	2.9	9.0	8.7
99	56	Aurora Hldgs	90	..	7.9	8.8	4.3
70	30	Austin E.	70	..	5.5	7.8	5.0
123½	57	Automotive Pd	91	-½	7.8	3.1	7.3
34½	14½	Avana Grp	31¾	-¼	1.6	4.9	7.9
174	113	Averys	157	-1	8.3	5.3	9.4
205	74	Avon Rubber	189	-2	14.1	7.4	2.8
307	235	B.A.T. Ind	282	..	21.1	7.5	4.9
260	203	Do Dfd	228	..	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	55	-2	3.4	6.2	6.0
138	67	BICC	104	-1	10.0	9.6	12.4
82	61	BOC Int	66½	..	4.8	7.1	4.6
278	111	BPB Ind	233	..	11.0	4.7	7.1
50	29	BPM Hldgs 'A'	47	+1	4.3	9.2	6.3
42½	17½	BSG Int	38	-1	3.2	8.4	6.3
151	86	BSR Ltd	90	-2	7.1	7.8	4.1
292	142½	BTR Ltd	218	-2	13.8	6.3	7.6
144	70	Babcock & W	112	-1	8.0	7.1	4.8
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	33	..	3.5	10.7	10.2
8½	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	7¼	..	0.3	4.1	59.6
109	93	Baird W.	150	-2	14.1	9.4	5.7
112	65	Baker Perkins	93	-1	6.3	6.7	5.5
53	29½	Bambergers	48	..	4.5	9.4	5.4
15	3½	Barker & Dobson	13½	+½	..	e	..
208	144	Barlow Rand	188	+2	16.5	8.8	3.9
74	39	Barr & Wallace	71	..	5.1	7.2	6.0
74	37	Do A	68	..	5.1	7.5	6.6
128	56½	Barratt Devs	111	..	12.2b	11.0	6.2
54	36	Barrow Hepbn	47	..	5.6	11.9	6.3
53	40	Barton & Sons	49	..	5.0	10.1	4.6
155	69	Bassett G.	140	-4	7.5	5.4	6.6
99	29	Bath & P'land	76	-1	5.0	6.4	4.4
67	34	Beales J.	56	..	4.0	7.1	4.1
193	66	Beatson Clark	166	-4	7.6	4.6	6.6
51	27½	Beauford Grp	50	..	4.6	9.2	8.5
73½	49	Beckman A.	69	..	6.8	9.8	7.6
690	372	Beecham Grp	617	-3	28.0	4.5	12.9
83	50	Bejam Grp	60	-4	2.2	3.7	7.4
85	54	Bemrose Corp	68	..	5.8	8.5	6.5
70	22½	Benn Bros	60	..	3.3	5.4	9.7
227	148¾	Berisf'd S & W	210	-1	12.5	6.0	9.6
62	31	Berisfords	62	..	3.4	5.5	6.5
54	36	Best & May	52	..	4.3	8.2	9.1
168	102	Bestobell	155	-1	14.3	9.2	8.0
69	28	Bett Bros	64	..	2.6	4.0	7.0
237	102	Bibby J.	209	..	10.1	4.8	6.7
74	54	Birmid Qualcst	67	-1	6.2	9.2	8.1
77	50	Birm'gham Mint	66	..	6.6	10.0	7.1
230	148	Bishops Stores	165	+5	3.7	2.2	9.3
205	67	Do A NV	125	-3	3.7	3.0	7.0
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	112	-2	6.4	5.8	14.8
40	15	Blackman & C	18	-½	..	..	32.1
93	49	Blackwd Hodge	78½	-½	4.4	5.8	6.8
30	15	Blackwood Mt	26½	-½	..	..	15.2
245	122	Blagden & N	225	-4	18.2	8.0	8.7
73	39	Blundell Perm	62	..	4.4	7.1	6.0
13	7½	Boardman K. O.	12	..	1.5	12.3	3.2
73	33	Bodycote	68	-1	3.4	5.0	6.6
26	17	Bonser Eng	22	..	2.0	9.2	12.2
240	128	Booker McCon	210	-1	10.7	5.1	9.6
212	84	B'sey & Hawkes	205	-2	7.3	3.6	8.4
157	87	Boot H.	134	-1	12.5	9.3	6.0
242	115	Boots	197	-1	4.3	2.2	15.0
97	66	Borthwick T.	68	..	9.4	13.8	9.4
30½	14	Boulton W.	19½	-½	2.1	10.6	6.3
218	160	Bowater Corp	173	..	14.7	8.5	8.1
66	34	Bowthrpe Hldgs	56	..	2.3	4.2	6.8
89	62	Braby Leslie	82	-3	8.0	9.7	4.7
76	60	Brady Ind	70	-1	8.6	12.3	13.3
75	57	Do A	68	..	8.6	12.6	12.9
40	23½	Braham Millar	36	-1	2.3	6.3	4.9
45	17	Braid Grp	42	-½	2.1	5.0	5.9
179	67½	Braithwaite	144	..	6.1	4.3	4.1
118	44½	Brammer H.	115	..	6.4	5.5	10.7
53	38	Bremner	48	-2	5.8	12.0	9.7
208	90	Brent Chem Int	184	..	3.7	2.0	15.2
82	25	Brent Walker	64	..	1.7n	3.3	23.6
38	22	Brickhouse Dud	34	..	3.3	9.8	6.7
172	105	Bridon	112	..	9.6	8.5	6.0
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	37	..	3.7	9.9	6.6
44½	29	Brit Car Auctn	40½	-1½	3.0	7.4	10.0
17	11	Brit Enkalon	12	-½	..	..	..
246	137	Brit Home Strs	190	-2	8.9	4.7	16.0
28	20	Brit Leyland	27	+4	..	..	2.1
120½	60	Brit Northrop	100	..	..	..	3.6
49½	31	Brit Printing	43½	-1½	4.8	11.1	7.0
90	50	Brit Stm Spec	84	..	7.2	8.5	9.8
490	276	Brit Sugar	445	-10	28.5	6.5	2.6
70¼	30½	Brit Syphon Ind	60	..	4.6	7.8	9.2
60	29½	Brit Tar Prod	51	-2	2.1	4.0	9.0
90	44	Brit Vita	80	-2	3.1	3.8	5.8
28½	13½	Brittains	26	-1	2.1	8.2	21.1
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	60	-1	5.5	9.2	5.7
88	41	Brocks Grp	71	-1	5.1	7.2	12.5
715	395	Broken Hill	405	+5	19.3	4.8	40.5
40	30	Bronx Eng	35	..	2.4	6.8	5.4
71	35	Brook St Bur	61	-3	6.4	10.4	15.6
56	38	Brooke Bond	46	..	4.2	9.1	3.8
27	11	Brooke Tool	25	-2	1.5	6.1	4.4
121	49	Brotherhood P.	115	..	8.8b	7.6	4.1
100	71	Brown & Tawse	94	..	6.8	7.2	6.0
55	39	BRK	47	..	2.7	5.7	11.2
24	12	Brown Bros Cp	22¼	-¼	1.6	7.2	12.8
253	98	Brown J.	253	+1	23.2n	4.7	4.6
124	85	Bruntons	107	..	10.6	9.9	7.8
47	17	Bryant Hldgs	45	..	3.4	7.6	9.5
136	66	Bullough Ltd	130	..	8.5n	6.5	4.6
45	25	Bulmer & Lumb	44	..	4.8	10.8	5.5
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	106	..	7.4	7.0	4.2
64	35	Burco Dean	59	..	5.6	9.5	5.9
38	22	Burgess Prod	36	..	3.5	9.8	5.6
184	64	Burnett H'shire	168	-2	4.1	2.5	8.0
184	63	Do A NV	166	-2	4.1	2.5	7.9
39	16	Burns And'son	36	-½	2.2	5.8	5.5
17¼	9	Burrell & Co	14	..	1.4	10.0	7.3
165	130	Burt Boulton	182	..	15.2	8.3	5.2
142	51	Burton Grp	123	-1	2.3	1.8	..
130	39	Do A	115	-2	2.3	2.0	..
75	43	Bury & Masco	74	..	6.4	8.7	10.9
69	30	Butterfld-Harvy	67	-1	3.4n	5.0	8.1

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33	13¼	CH Industrials	27	-½	2.1	7.9	4.6
59½	25½	Cadbury Sch	53	-½	4.1	7.8	10.4
110	70	Caffyns	100	-3	8.7	8.7	8.1
55	48	C'bread Robey	52	..	2.3	4.4	14.5
153	30	Campari	122	-1	2.6	2.2	6.3
121	64	Do B	113	-1	..	..	..
82	45½	Cantrex Hldgs	68	-1	6.0	8.8	5.7
65	36	Canning W.	63	..	5.3	8.5	10.4
136	87	Cape Ind	115	..	11.5	10.0	3.8
79	37	Caplan Profile	76	-1	7.3	9.6	4.9
90	33½	Capper Neill	59½	-2½	3.2	5.4	6.9
85	33	Caravans Int	84	..	7.0	8.3	3.2
68	35	Carclo Eng	64	-1	4.5	7.1	5.9
51	32	Carless Capel	34	-1	3.3	3.8	8.7
175	59	Carlton Ind	160	-1	8.3	4.9	7.8
78	42½	Carpets Int	43	..	6.1	14.1	4.7
48	16½	Carr J. (Don)	44	-1	1.4	3.2	6.8
41	22½	Carr'ion Vly	37	-1½	3.0	8.1	10.1
110	63¾	Carroll P. J.	105	+2	9.2	8.7	6.0
45	28	Casket S Hldgs	45	..	3.0	6.6	5.4
35	7	Causton Sir J.	17	..	..	..	4.2
165	88	Cawoods	127	-2	5.3	4.2	9.3
39½	12	Celestion	33	-½	0.9	2.7	9.4
128	84½	Cement Rdstone	123	-3	6.9	5.6	15.5
54	25	Cen & Sheer	44½	..	3.4	7.6	7.9
72	42	Central Man	67	..	4.0	6.0	3.5
195	68¾	Centreway Ltd	185	+3	17.5	9.0	5.5
42	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	36	..	3.9	10.7	2.8
58½	27½	Chamberl'n Grp	51	..	4.2	8.2	3.2
33	6½	Change Wares	21½	..	..	e	17.2
23	17	Do Cnv Cum	21	..	2.4	11.5	..
120	91	Chloride Grp	95	-3	7.3	7.8	7.8
78	57	Christies Int	71	-1	4.5	6.3	7.4
138	93	Chubb & Sons	123	-1	5.5	4.4	9.1
198	57	Church & Co	193	-2	4.7	2.5	9.5
78	45	Coalite & Chem	71	..	4.2	5.9	5.9
79	50	Coates Bros	71	..	3.3	4.6	7.1
77	45	Do A	69	..	3.2	4.6	7.9
63	57	Coats Patons	67½	+½	4.7	6.9	5.1
130	43	Cole R. H.	114	-1	5.3	4.7	8.5
62	33	Collett D'son	55	-1	4.7	8.5	6.0
186	99	Collins W.	135	..	7.0	5.2	6.5
186	99	Do A	135	..	7.0	5.2	6.5
38	14	Combon Grp	28	-1	2.4b	8.7	6.9
101	50	Comb Eng Strs	81	..	4.6	5.7	8.5
113½	30	Comet Radiov'n	103	-1	5.9	5.7	9.3
114	64	CompAir	98	-1	5.5	5.6	7.8
30	20	Compton Webb	27	..	2.6	8.5	4.5
28	16	Cook W.	27	..	2.6	9.6	8.0
65	37	Cope Allman	53½	-½	4.8	8.9	5.4
17	9	Copson F.	15	..	1.1	7.1	8.1
39	16½	Corah	34½	-½	1.7n	4.9	7.5
144	54¼	Coral Leisure	115	-2	9.1	7.9	10.4
83	34	Cosalt	72	-1	4.7	6.5	8.4
332	134	Costain R	256	..	15.2b	5.9	9.0
41	8	Countryside	34	-1	1.8	5.3	11.8
107	73	Courts (Furn)	95	..	5.0	5.3	6.5
107	73	Do A NV	95	..	5.0	5.3	6.5
136	90	Courtaulds	117	..	10.7	9.1	5.8
72	30	Courtney Pope	65	-3	3.3	5.0	9.4
78	30¾	C'wan de Groot	63	-1	3.5	5.5	3.8
44½	23	Cowie T.	38	-1	2.6	6.8	3.6
100	24	Crane Fruehauf	99	h ..	3.6n	3.7	10.7
44	15	Crellon Hldgs	38	..	..	e	..
74	28	Crest Nicholson	68	+1	4.6	6.7	13.7
72	44	Croda Int	53	..	3.2	6.1	8.1
41	25	Cronite Grp	37	..	3.7	10.1	19.5
39	21	Cropper J.	30	..	1.3	3.3	..
140	94	Crosby Hse	131	..	14.2	10.7	..
39½	18	Crossland R.	37½	+½	2.1	5.5	12.0
70	45	Crouch D. Bldg	68	-1	6.3	9.2	10.9
98	48	Crouch D.	85	-1	5.5	6.5	11.2
75	35	Crouch Grp	67	..	4.2	6.2	11.8
53	35½	Crown House	49	..	4.7	9.7	9.8
15	28	Crowther J.	36	..	0.9	2.5	..
147	83	Cum'ns En Cv	£99	+2	375	4.2	..
160	63½	Dale Electric	140	-2	4.1	3.0	14.0
15¼	14¾	Dana Corp	£22¾	+¼	43.8	2.8	..
17	8	Dartmouth Inv	16	..	1.2	7.6	10.0
129	70¾	Davies & New	115	+1	11.1	9.6	6.6
238	150	Davy Int	232	+2	15.5	6.7	7.7
95	45	Dawson J.	88	..	8.1	9.1	11.5
550	350	De Beers Ind	430	..	44.6	10.4	8.6
30	27	Deanson Hldgs	25	..	3.2	12.7	7.5
118	64¼	Debenhams	97	-2	8.0	8.3	6.8
319	128¾	De La Rue	265	-5	15.0	5.7	7.9
580	233	Decca	455	..	16.1	3.5	13.0
555	221	Do A	440	-5	16.1	3.7	12.6
81	49	Delta Metal	70	-1	6.8	9.7	9.6
100	66	Denbyware	82	-2	8.2	10.0	..
175	82	De Vere Hotels	166	+3	6.7	4.0	31.0
166	67	Dee G.	108	h ..	8.5	5.1	9.0
62	27	Dewhirst I. J.	58	..	2.6	4.6	10.0
138	89	DRG	114	-2	9.9n	8.6	8.3
176	57	Diploma Inv	140	-3	5.8	4.1	9.5
62	28	Dixon D.	63	..	3.8	6.1	27.6
175	63	Dixons Photo	152	-6	3.4	2.2	7.4
38	20	Dixor	38	..	0.9	2.4	46.9
79	37	Dobson Park	67½	..	3.2	4.8	5.3
66	41	Dom Hldgs	65	..	6.6	10.2	11.6
105	43¾	Douglas R. M.	95	-3	4.7	4.8	6.9
24	17	Dow'd & Mills	22½	..	1.6	7.2	10.4
250	105	Downing G. H.	219	..	15.7	7.2	4.7
171	93	Dowty Grp	157	-4	6.4	4.1	10.0
26	12½	Drake & Scull	22	..	..	..	..
50	28	Dreamland Elec	39	-1	3.5	9.0	12.3
47	34	Dufay	36	..	2.3b	6.4	8.1
123	74	Dunlop Hldgs	82	-1	8.0	9.8	4.9
14½	5½	Duple Int	13	-½	0.9	6.9	6.4
67½	57½	Duport	63	..	6.4	10.2	4.5
131	41	Durapipe Int	119	-4	5.7	4.8	7.4
50	26	Dutton For	44	..	4.3	9.7	7.6
37	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	27½	..	..	e	10.0
253	172	E.M.I.	177	..	14.0	7.9	6.6
168	34	ERF Hldgs	163	..	5.5	3.4	5.0
47	35	E Lancs Paper	46	..	4.8	10.4	..
79	46	E Mid A Press	70	..	5.5	6.9	5.9
93	22	Eastern Prod	86	-1	6.6	7.7	6.7
106	56	Eastwood J. B.	95	-2	5.9	6.2	2.6
154	105	Edbro	136	..	8.9	6.5	5.6
45	19	Eleco Hldgs	40	-1	2.6	6.6	10.9
48	32	Elec & Ind Secs	43	-1	4.1	9.4	7.9
360	39	Electrocomps	323	-6	7.5	2.3	14.9
24½	15	Electronic Mach	20	..	..	..	..
124	48	Electr'nic Rent	121	-1	7.6	6.3	8.7
119	53½	Elliott B.	93	-2	7.9	8.5	5.2
44	14	Elliott Grp	20	..	..	e	6.3
97	66	Ellis & Everard	83	-1	7.6	9.1	15.3
19½	14¼	Ellis & Gold	18	-½	2.7	15.2	10.2
79	37	Elson & Robbins	78	..	4.7	6.1	6.1
23	8	Elswick Hopper	19½	+½	1.4	7.0	8.2
202	87½	Empire Stores	160	-2	7.3	4.4	14.3
14½	4¼	Energy Serv	12½	..	0.3b	2.4	15.8
36	22	England J. E.	34½	-½	2.0	5.7	3.0
34	32	English & O'seas	32	-2	0.5	1.7	29.9
105	50	English Card Cl	79	..	4.2	5.3	4.4
109	69¾	Eng China Clay	77	-1	5.4	7.0	8.5
79	51	Erith & Co	79	..	7.4	9.3	8.1
220	130	Esperanza	133	-3	8.0	6.0	4.9
78	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	64	-1	7.6b	11.8	2.1
116½	54	Euro Ferries	104	-2	4.2	4.1	8.3
107	52	Eva Industries	95	..	7.3	7.7	6.7
231	121	Ever Ready	184	-1	6.1	3.9	7.9
85	42	Evode Hldgs	74	..	3.2	4.3	8.5
27½	14½	Ewer G.	24½	..	2.0n	8.2	9.4
20	7½	Excalibur	19½	..	0.8	3.9	7.7
105	65	Exch Telegraph	103	+1	7.7n	7.5	8.9
77¼	57	Expand Metal	64	..	5.6	8.7	7.1

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115	52	FMC	73	..	3.9	5.3	3.6
26	7	FPA Cons	23	..	1.7	7.4	10.2
62	25¼	Fairbairn L'sn	53½	-½	5.8	10.3	8.2
78	37¾	Fairclough Cons	69	+4	3.6	5.2	9.1
109	29	Fairview Est	100	-1	8.6	8.6	6.0
240	81	Farnell Elect	200	-2	9.9	4.9	10.9
80	44	Fed Chem Hldgs	72	h ..	5.3	7.3	7.8
48	13	Fed Lnd & Build	36	..	3.1	8.6	10.6
36	23	Feedex Ltd	31	..	2.0	6.4	7.9
150	111	Fenner J. H.	146	..	10.2	7.0	10.0
108	45	Ferguson Ind	100	..	9.1	9.1	10.4
48	19½	Fine Art Dev	42	-½	2.8	6.6	10.0
319	150	Finlay J.	289	..	9.9	3.4	5.3
28	8	Finlay,Pack	21	..	0.9	4.0	7.8
400	283	Fisons	360	-17	18.5	5.1	10.6
73	45	Fitch Lovell	61	..	6.1	10.0	7.7
77	43¾	Fluidrive Eng	62	..	5.0	8.1	6.9
68	20	Fodens	57	-1	3.8	6.7	3.5
121	48	Fogarty E.	112	..	4.8	4.3	5.8
25½	15½	Folkes Hefo NV	22	..	2.1	9.5	5.1
34	20	Ford M.	31	-1	3.7	11.8	13.0
259	130	Ford Mtr BDR	140	..	8.3	5.9	14.8
137	48¾	Forminster	128	-2	6.0	4.7	6.1
600	410	Fortnm & Mason	600	..	31.5	5.3	11.0
212	136	Foseco Min	143	+1	6.5	4.6	8.3
86	39	Foster Bros	84	..	4.3	5.1	10.8
33	18	Foster J.	26	..	2.5	9.6	9.2
94	69	Fothergill & H	86	..	9.4	10.9	9.8
45	28	Francis G. R.	48	..	5.4	11.2	8.7
66	26	Francis Ind	57	..	5.1	9.0	4.7
318	127	Freemans Ldn	276	..	8.5	3.1	13.2
70	40	French T.	66	..	3.9	5.9	4.9
39½	14	French Kier	29	..	2.3b	7.8	11.9
96	53	Friedland Doggt	90	-2	4.4	4.9	7.1
83	48	GEI Int	72	-3	5.9	8.1	5.7
67	32½	Gallfd Brindley	61	-1	4.6	7.6	6.6
104	67	Garnar Scotblair	101	..	6.8	6.8	4.7
282	163	GEC	251	-3	5.8	2.3	10.3
104½	96½	Do F Rate	£100½	+½	869	..	..
27	13½	Gen Eng (Rad)	20	..	1.5	7.7	5.3
330	185	Gen Mtr BDR	200	+5	11.0g	5.5	6.8
190	124	Gestetner 'A'	172	-1	6.0	3.5	6.5
69	32¾	Gibbons Dudley	64	-1	3.5	5.5	3.0
95	35	Glenes Grp	95	-1	6.8	7.1	9.1
240	161¾	Gill & Duffus	212	-2	13.2	6.2	7.1
58	23	Gillspur Ltd	49½	-1	4.1	8.4	4.9
70	36	Glass & Metal	64	..	4.2	6.6	6.9
26	13	Glass Glover	23	-1	1.9	8.1	6.4
687	400	Glaxo Hldgs	557	..	15.5	2.8	11.2
54	39	Gleeson M. J.	46	..	2.8	6.1	7.1
57	34	Glossop & W.J.	56	..	5.5	9.5	6.1
120	76	Glynwed	101½	-½	11.4b	11.3	8.6
70	39	Goldng & Sons	63	+1	5.7	9.0	12.5
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	75	-1	4.6	6.1	9.9
95	60	Gordon & Gotch	90	..	4.0	4.5	8.6
23	11	Gordon L. Grp	21	..	..	..	..
61	47	Grampian Hldgs	55	+1	6.0	10.8	7.9
99	42½	Granada 'A'	90	-2	3.0	3.3	9.8
109	69½	Grand Met Ltd	95	-1½	6.4	6.8	7.8
349	183	Gt Univ Stores	280	-6	11.8	4.2	13.0
346	175	Do A	274	-4	11.8	4.3	12.7
47	17¼	Greenfield Mill	41	-1	2.7	6.6	12.0
93	65	Greens Econ	77	-1	6.4	8.4	6.0
56	28	Gripperrods	46	..	3.6	7.7	8.2
346	260	GKN	271	+1	23.6	8.7	7.5
100	71	Haden Carrier	91	..	12.0	13.2	5.7
110	55	Haggas J.	109	+1	1.0	0.9	8.4
86	62½	Hall Eng	90	-1	6.4	7.1	6.1
207	99½	Hall M.	183	..	10.0n	5.5	7.3
64	14	Halma Ltd	58½	-2	2.1	3.6	9.6
98	68	Hanimex Corp	98	-4	4.1	4.2	5.5
161	100	Hanson Trust	129	-1	9.5	7.4	6.3
51	26	Hardy Furn	31	-3	0.3	1.0	..
43	22	Do A	30	-3	0.3	1.0	..
61	38	Hargreaves Grp	57	-2	4.6	8.0	8.3
53	30½	Harris Sheldon	47	-½	4.3	9.1	8.0
111	45	Harrison T.C.	109	..	5.5	5.3	10.4
438	276¾	Harrison Cros	350	..	19.3b	5.5	8.5
92	41	Hartwells Grp	88	..	6.7	7.7	7.4
214	113	Hawker Sidd	177	-1	5.8	3.3	7.0
73	43	Hawkins & T'son	73	-3	6.1	8.3	4.3
78	24	Hawthorn L.	65	-1	..	..	..
189	57	Hays Wharf	144	..	7.5	5.2	14.9
35½	12½	Headlam Sims	34½	..	1.9	5.5	7.1
18½	6½	Helene of Ldn	18	..	0.9	5.2	5.0
31	20	Helical Bar	28	..	3.1	11.0	16.7
87	38	Hend'son Kent	66	+1	3.3	5.0	3.8
144	79	Henly's	121	-1	10.0n	8.3	4.8
100	30½	Hepworth Cer	81	..	5.0	6.2	9.4
65	20¾	Hepworth J.	60	-2	3.5	5.8	9.6
111½	62	Herman Smith	10½	..	0.4	3.6	43.8
143	76	Hestair	115	..	9.1	7.9	4.1
60	17½	Hewden-Stuart	61	..	1.9	3.6	9.6
22	11	Hewitt J.	22	..	1.4	6.5	4.3
89	63	Hickng P'cost	89	..	9.8	11.0	10.3
610	295	Hickson Welch	510	-10	15.7	3.1	4.6
97	36	Higgs & Hill	80	-1	5.0	6.3	4.1
44	24½	Hill & Smith	40	..	3.3	8.3	2.1
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	98	..	9.9	10.1	..
300	71	Hillards	173	+5	6.7	3.8	5.0
82	67	Hoffnung S.	67	..	6.4	9.6	4.9
64	35	Hollas Grp	53	-2	6.4	11.8	5.1
34	14	Hollis Bros	69	..	6.7	9.5	6.3
148	70	Holt Lloyd	124	-6	8.5	6.8	12.3
123	60	Home Charm	121	..	5.2	4.3	12.6
410	165	Hoover	340	..	20.5	6.0	7.4
412	155	Do A	340	..	20.5	6.0	7.4
105	55	Hopkinsons	81	..	7.1	8.8	4.4
93	22	Horizon Mid	87	..	4.5	5.1	5.8
157	71	Hse of Fraser	132	-4	6.7	5.1	13.2
70	28	Hoveringham	70	..	2.9	4.1	14.1
64	21½	Do RV	59	-1	2.9	4.9	11.9
23	11¾	Howard & Wynd.	21	-1	..	..	11.9
22	10½	Do A	20	-1	..	..	11.4
52	30	Howard Mach	34	..	3.4	9.9	24.3
31	17	Howard Tenens	25	..	2.6	10.4	..
71	39	Howden Grp	57½	+½	5.6	9.8	15.9
13⅛	9¼	Hudsons Bay	£10¾	+⅛	34.7	3.2	11.1
30	16	Hunt Moscrop	27	-1	1.1	3.9	7.9
220	76	Hunting Assoc	216	..	4.5	2.1	9.7
132	63	Huntleigh Grp	101	-2	3.4	3.3	8.1
65	47	Hutch Whamp	53	+2	..	..	..

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364	150	ICL	342	..	11.3	4.8	4.4
117	73	IDC Grp	112	..	13.6	12.2	14.7
163	74	Instock Johns'n	143	-1	8.8	6.1	7.7
445	329½	Imp Chem Ind	339	+1	23.9	7.1	6.2
120	73	Imp Cold Store	95	..	7.8	8.2	3.7
85½	65	Imperial Grp	78	..	7.8	10.3	8.1
69	46	Imm Metal Ind	57	-½	5.0	8.8	6.7
24	17	Ingall Ind	21	-1	2.6	12.3	7.3
39	27	Ingram H.	29	..	4.3	14.7	6.0
74½	46	Initial Services	68½	-½	6.6	9.6	11.5
73	41¾	Int Paint	65	..	3.6	5.5	5.7
135	70	Int Timber	124	-3	9.9	8.0	3.7
82	47	Inveresk Grp	74	-1	7.4	10.0	12.5
9¼	6¾	Itoh BDR	8½	..	8.6	1.3	..
69	27	JB Hldgs	58	-1	1.6	2.8	5.2
24	12	Jacks W.	23	..	1.0	4.3	..
56	37	Jacksons B'End	53	..	..	e	..
11	5½	James M. Ind	10	-½	0.8	7.6	..
255	149	Jardine M'son	187	+8	6.5	3.5	..
197	96	Jarvis J.	184	-2	13.1	7.1	6.0
42	16	Jessups Hldgs	29½	+½	2.4	5.9	5.9
66	43¾	Johnson & F B	58	..	7.1	12.0	4.3
82	27	Johnson Grp	78	-1	5.9	7.6	8.2
492	307	Johnson Matt	464	-1	20.2	4.3	7.5
353	144	Johnson-Richd	320	-5	10.8	3.4	9.4
80	47¾	Jones Stroud	84	..	6.3n	7.5	6.4
41	21	Jourdan T.	40	..	4.0	9.9	6.2
60	27	K Shoes	56	..	3.4	6.1	5.1
125	36	Kelsey Ind	111	..	4.9	4.4	5.1
94	49½	Kenning Mtr	80½	..	6.3	7.8	6.0
44	21	Kent M. P.	35	-1	3.1	8.9	9.5
47	13	Kitchen Taylor	47	-2	..	e	..
105	52¾	Knde Int	86	-1	7.2	8.4	7.5
53	16	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	51	-5	1.2	2.3	23.3
274¾	131¾	Kwik Save Disc	173	-7	7.9	4.6	13.1
96	62	LCP Hldgs	88	+1	7.3	8.3	7.6
46	29½	LRC Int	42	..	4.4	10.5	7.3
125	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	121	-4	9.4	7.8	7.3
216	88	Ladbroke	183	-1	10.6n	5.8	7.8
48	30½	Ladies Pride	45	-1	3.3	7.3	5.6
105	77	Lafarge	94	h ..	3.0	3.2	10.4
171	70	Laing J.	145	..	5.0	3.5	11.9
170	69	Do A	144	..	5.0	3.5	11.7
97	44	Laird Grp Ltd	77½	-½	4.5	5.7	5.2
65	43	Lake & Elliot	67	-1	5.3	9.3	12.9
41	31	Lambert H'wth	37	..	4.4	11.9	5.2
78	28	Lane P. Grp	58	..	4.8	8.2	5.0
53½	21½	Lankro	53½	h ..	2.0	3.8	18.5
131	53¾	Laporte Ind	94	-2	10.3	10.9	5.2
135	84	Latham J.	123	..	10.5	8.5	5.6
138	43	Laurence Scott	112	..	7.6	6.8	6.5
106	53	Lawrence W.	99	..	8.9	8.9	7.4
66	24	Lawtex	66	..	4.4	6.6	4.1
177	123	Lead Industries	143	-1	11.2	7.8	5.6
62	36	Le-Bas E.	46	-2	2.5	5.4	..
25	15¾	Lee A.	22	-1	2.2	10.0	4.9
138	29¾	Lee Cooper	100	-5	2.5	2.5	4.3
180	32½	Leigh Int	145	-2	5.5	3.7	21.0
69	16¾	Leisure & Gen	69	h ..	3.8	5.5	16.2
115	60¾	Leisure C'van	111	-1	6.7	6.1	12.7
45	29	Lennons Grp	31	-1	2.3	7.5	10.0
263	113	Lep Grp	243	..	5.2	2.1	7.2
82	57	Lesney Ord	63	..	4.1	6.5	4.6
120	70	Letraset	102	..	4.6	4.5	7.1
83	39½	Lex Services	72	-1	3.3	7.3	8.7
29½	9¼	Liberty Ord	£20½	..	48.5	2.4	9.4
89	33	Lilley F. J. C.	78	..	3.8	5.0	7.9
61	30	Lincroft Kilg	57	..	5.3	9.3	3.0
151	58	Lindustries	127	-1	13.6	10.0	7.9
187½	100	Linfood Hldgs	140	-3	13.6	9.7	5.8
39	19	Linread	38	..	3.0	8.4	..
42	22	Lister & Co	35	-1	0.2	0.4	..
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	70½	..	7.5	10.7	6.3
19½	9	Locker T.	14¾	-½	1.3	8.5	6.6
15	8¾	Do A	14¾	-½	1.3	8.5	6.6
119	58	Lockwoods Fds	115	..	5.6	4.9	6.2
81	44	Ldn & M'land	77	-1	7.2b	9.4	6.8
47½	24	Ldn & N'thern	26½	..	3.0b	11.4	4.9
85	39	Ldn Brick Co	65	..	4.6	7.1	7.3
150	94	Ldn Prov Post	100	..	13.6	7.6	8.3
73	31	Longton Trans	60	-4	5.2	8.7	3.5
87	60	Lonrho	73	-2	9.9	13.6	2.8
85	39	Lonsdale Univ	82	-1	7.0	8.6	5.9
54	26	Loukera	52	..	3.7	7.2	2.6
90	44	Lovell Hldgs	82	..	5.9	7.2	3.6
175	120	Low & Bonar	170	-2	16.5b	9.7	6.0
137	204	Lucas Ind	252	-1	12.5	4.9	6.3
88	25	Lyon & Lyon	82	..	9.1	11.1	3.9
128	47	Lyons J. Ord	104	-1	11.5	11.1	3.1

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125	33	MFI W'house	111	-3	6.0	5.4	14.1
214	87	MK Electric	171	-1	8.8	5.1	7.3
94	48	ML Hldgs	88	..	5.9	6.6	7.6
65	37	MY Dart	56	-1	3.3	5.9	4.3
253	138	McCorquodale	237	..	21.6	9.1	6.7
48	15	McInerney Prop	48	..	..	..	21.1
19	11	McCleery L'Amie	12	..	..	..	..
49	28	Mackay H.	48	..	4.9	10.3	15.3
94	60¾	McKechnie Bros	90	..	7.5	8.3	5.1
56	31	McNeill Grp	50	..	..	..	..
63½	32	Macpherson D.	57½	..	3.8	6.5	6.0
65	37	Madame Tussds	65	h ..	3.7n	5.7	13.8
55½	29	Mallinson Denny	47	..	4.2	8.9	5.6
78	50	Man Agcy Music	71	..	8.5	12.0	5.4
30	15	Manch Garages	29½	r +½	2.3	8.6	6.2
247	177	Man Ship Canal	210	..	21.6	10.3	6.1
100	34	Mang Bronze	88	-1	2.8	3.2	3.9
43	27	Manordale Grp	43	..	6.2	14.5	4.1
17½	5½	Maple Hldgs	16	..	..	e	..
292	114	Marchwiel	234	-6	5.2	2.2	5.3
170	95	Marks & Spencer	137	..	6.4	4.7	16.6
99	46	Marley Ltd	82	-1	3.8	4.6	6.9
21	9¼	Marling Ind	18	..	1.5	8.5	9.1
56½	31	Marshall Cav	56½	..	6.0	10.6	9.9
46	27	Marshall T Lox	38	f ..	3.5	9.3	4.9
44	26	Do A	35	..	3.5	10.1	4.5
155½	95	Marshalls Univ	136	-4	9.5	7.0	4.6
97	54	Martin-Black	55	-1	6.7	12.2	5.5
234	95½	Martin-News	228	..	10.2	4.5	5.4
160	91	Martonair	130	-3	8.1	5.4	9.3
85	48	May & Hassell	77	-1	4.4	5.6	5.1
126	60	Maynards	122	..	7.3	6.0	7.6
31	19	Mears Bros	19	..	2.7	14.2	15.6
31	10½	Medminster	21	..	2.7	13.0	12.6
78	50	Melody Mills	73	..	4.4	6.0	8.1
84	30½	Melville D & W	45	..	3.7	8.2	4.6
13½	9	Mentmore, Mfg	12	-½	1.3	10.6	18.2
302	102	Menzies J.	285	-3	7.1	2.4	15.9
362	246	Metal Box	294	..	21.5	7.3	6.7
95	65	Metal Closures	81	..	6.0	7.4	7.6
41	13½	Metalrax	37	..	1.6	4.3	7.5
55	28	Mettoy	40	..	3.2	8.1	5.7
93	44	Meyer M. L.	81	..	6.9	8.5	3.6
44	29½	Midland Ind	39	-1	1.5	3.8	5.7
100	28	Milbury	100	+5	3.9	3.9	6.6
100	50	Mills A. J.	100	sh ..	4.2	4.2	9.4
168¼	96	Mitn Marsters	151	-2	7.8	5.2	6.0
93	28	Mining Supplies	65	-3	1.7	2.6	9.2
49	36½	Mitchell Cotts	44	-½	5.2	11.7	5.9
66	29½	Mitchell Somers	56	-3	2.4	4.3	5.7
66	43	Mixconcrete	59	..	4.5	7.7	8.8
40	22¾	Modern Eng	38	..	4.0	10.5	8.0
132	97	Molins	103	..	9.9	9.6	..
86	23¾	Monk A.	81	..	5.4	6.8	8.5
50½	33	M'santo 5% Ln	£48½	-1	500	10.3	..
59½	40	Do 6¾ Ln	£55	-1	625	11.4	..
120	106	Do 5% Cnv	£112	-1	500	4.5	..
60	35	Montfort Knit	58	-1	4.9	8.4	8.9
85	25	Mors O'Ferrall	85	..	5.2	6.1	23.0
137	86	Morgan Cruc	123	..	7.7	6.3	11.2
46	30	Morgan Edwds	32	+2	2.9	9.0	58.2
52	38	Morris & Blakey	49	..	6.2	13.0	11.5
50	33	Do A	48	..	6.2	13.5	12.1
91	44	Moss Bros	91	..	6.1b	6.7	16.5
73	46	Moss Eng	70	..	6.3	9.0	7.5
170	101	Mothercare	166	-2	4.2	2.5	19.2
13½	8	Movitex	12½	..	..	..	..
144	48	Mowlem J.	122	..	9.9	8.1	8.3
200	127¾	Muirhead	192	-2	7.8	4.2	13.9
72	39	Myson Grp	63	-4	..	e	..
117	48	NSS News	107	..	3.2	3.0	9.7
51	27	Nathan B. & L.	51	..	4.6	8.9	11.0
67	38	Nat Carbon	45	..	..	e	..
32	12	Needlers	30	-2	..	e	..
43	30½	Neepsend	42	..	4.5	10.7	17.1
90	37	Neill & Zam	85	-1	5.0	5.9	7.7
97¼	68	Neill J.	83	-3	9.7	11.7	6.5
187	45	Newarthill	154	-2	6.8	4.4	11.1
75	33½	Newman Ind	70	-½	7.6	10.8	2.8
72	33	Newman Tonks	69	-1	5.5	8.0	8.8
180	88	Newmark L.	176	..	9.9n	5.6	5.6
84	51	Nurcros	85	-2	6.2	7.2	6.6
44	11	Norfolk C Grp	40	-2	0.9	2.3	19.8
46	26	Normand Elec	44	..	4.3	9.8	14.1
100	54	NEI	84	-1	8.5b	9.6	..
126	64	Nthn Foods	110	-1	5.2	4.7	9.3
205	44	Norton & Wright	180	-8	6.0	3.3	17.4
38	9	Norton W. E.	29	-2	1.0	3.4	5.7
100	52	Norwest Holst	91	h -1	6.4	7.0	6.4
109	60	Notts Mfg	104	..	4.5	4.4	9.8
122	45½	Nurdin & Peacock	58	-3	2.6	8.0	12.3
26	17½	Nu-Swift Ind	23½	..	2.2n	8.7	10.6

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103	74	Ocean Wilsons	84	..	5.4	6.4	8.8
99	55	Office & Elect	91	-1	6.2	6.8	6.6
115	68	Otrex Grp	106	..	5.0	4.7	12.4
31¾	23¾	Ogilvy & M	£22¾	+¼	21.5	0.8	11.0
84	40	Osborn S.	83	+2	5.4	6.5	5.1
84	43	Owen Owen	78	..	4.0	5.2	7.6
86	7	Oxley Printing	54	..	3.8b	6.9	10.8
124½	56½	Parker Knoll 'A'	118	-4	4.9	4.1	4.6
115	60	Parker Timber	113	..	8.3	7.3	6.0
36	14	Paterson R.	34	-1	3.6	10.2	9.8
238	126¾	Paterson Zoch	210	-5	10.6	5.1	3.9
225	117½	Do A NV	200	-5	10.6	5.3	3.7
135	62½	Pauls & Whites	116	-2	8.5	5.6	8.5
186	103	Pearson Long	175	-1	8.2	4.7	8.1
207	123	Pearson & Son	182	-2	9.4	5.1	8.6
37½	24½	Do 4½% Ln	£34	..	400	11.8	..
208	162	Pegler-Hatt	167	..	11.6	7.2	5.5
25½	6	Pentland Ind	23½	-½	1.0	4.2	7.7
80	42	Pentos	74	-1	6.5	8.8	7.7
90	63	Perkin El 4%	£74	-2	..	..	..
172	81	Perry H. Mtrs	161	-2	7.8	4.8	10.2
87	59	Petrocon Grp	70	..	6.7	9.6	8.1
64	51	Philips Fin 5¾	£58	+½	575	9.9	..
11	7½	Philips Lamps	£7²³⁄₃₂	+⅛	37.1	4.7	..
19	7	Phillips Pats	16	..	..	..	37.2
195	84	Phoenix Timber	158	-1	6.5	4.1	2.1
282	130	Photo-Me Int	265	e ..	6.0	2.3	8.0
99	67	P'dilly Theatre	98	..	1.6	1.7	53.0
16	11	Pickles W.	15	-1	1.0	6.9	10.0
112	54	Pifco Hldgs	110	..	4.1	3.7	8.3
109	52	Do A	102	-5	4.1	4.0	7.7
540	273	Pilkington Bros	432	-3	16.9	3.9	6.4
86	44	Pitiard Grp	62	-2	4.0	6.4	5.2
131	81	Plaxtons	119	..	10.8	9.1	5.1
75	31	Pleasurama	70	-3	3.1	4.4	6.8
117	62	Plessey	90	+1	7.4	8.2	9.1
15¼	7½	Do ADR	£11¼	+¼	..	..	..
96	42	Plysu	81	..	2.0	2.4	10.4
45	23	Pontins	38	h -½	2.5	6.7	13.3
423	126	Pork Farms	392	-5	19.8b	5.0	10.3
256	156	Portals Hldgs	230	-8	11.9	5.2	11.2
127	61	Porter Chad	111	-1	7.5	6.7	6.5
52	32	Portsmth News	60	..	4.3	6.6	6.2
223	119	Powell Duffryn	175	-1	15.2	8.7	8.7
72	50	Pratt F. Eng	65	..	7.3	11.2	4.2
84	32	Preedy A.	81	..	4.3	5.3	10.5
32	12¾	Press W.	29½	..	1.3	4.8	6.1
185	107	Prestige Grp	156	..	8.5	5.4	9.0
46	27	Prestwich Pkr	34	..	4.6	13.6	9.0
185	135	Pretoria P Cem	170	..	17.8n	10.4	3.4
542	104	Pride & Clarke	515	sh-1	16.9n	3.3	13.9
78	45	Priest B.	76	-1	8.0n	10.5	6.3
33¾	18¾	Pritchard Serv	30	-½	2.3	7.5	8.4
113	37	Pye Hldgs	102	..	4.4n	4.3	7.5
36	23	Pyke W. J.	34	..	1.0	2.9	33.1
42	23	Pyramid Grp	40	..	3.3	8.3	8.1
22¾	14¾	Quaker Oats	£14¾	+¼	59.7	4.2	8.6
30½	6½	Queens Moat	26	..	..	..	44.1
46	21	Quick H. J.	44	-1	2.5	5.7	7.7
77	31	R F D Group	58	-1½	2.4	4.1	5.4
80	27	RKT Textiles	73	..	6.6	9.0	8.6
268	117	Racal Elect	202	..	5.9	2.9	10.6
18	12	Raine Eng	15	..	1.3	8.8	6.6
20	9	Rakusen Grp	16	..	..	..	..
278	140	Rank Org Ord	238	-4	12.1	5.1	6.1
53½	39½	RHM	46	+½	5.0	10.8	7.3
67	50	RHP	62	+½	5.8	9.4	8.1
152	96	Ransomes Sims	133	-5	12.0	9.0	7.6
80	39½	Ratcliffe F. S.	73	..	7.1	9.8	7.2
112	18¾	Ratners	111	..	1.0	0.9	11.3
71	35	Raybeck Ltd	66	..	5.0	7.4	12.0
34½	23½	Readicut Int	32	-½	2.2	7.0	6.7
143	72	RMC	118	-2	8.8	7.4	9.2
510	330	Reckitt & Colmn	415	..	15.3	3.7	8.0
90	59	Record Ridgway	88	..	6.8n	7.8	7.4
328	76	Redfearn Nat	308	..	24.0	7.8	4.1
93	64	Rediffusion	88	..	6.5	7.4	11.2
161	88	Redland	132	-4	6.3	4.8	9.2
62	16	Redman Heenan	53	-1	2.8	5.2	3.7
63	23	Reed & Smith	62	h ..	3.2	5.1	..
100	32	Reed A.	82	..	4.1	5.0	9.7
97	32	Do A NV	79	-1	3.9	5.0	9.4
47	12	Reed Exec	43	..	4.2	9.7	..
236	119	Reed Int	123	-5	19.7	16.0	5.0
21⅝	14¼	Reliance Grp	£17¼	+¼	31.0	1.7	9.7
41	13½	Reliance Knit	39	-1	4.4	11.3	3.4
55	44	Rennies Cons	50	+1	9.7	19.3	2.4
164	112	Renold Ltd	129	..	13.1	10.4	8.5
60	35	Rentokil Grp	52	-2	2.3	4.4	12.2
46	17	Renwick Grp	38	-2	..	e	25.7
94	68	Reverteх	82	..	7.4	9.0	5.2
65	37	Rexmore	57	-1	6.5	11.4	4.8
140	35¾	Ricardo Eng	123	-5	4.0	3.2	9.2
79	37	Richards & Wall	77	+2	6.2	8.0	9.4
22	14½	Pilch'n-Merrell	£15	+¼	51.8	3.5	20.8
64	35	Richardsons W.	53½	+½	6.2	11.6	6.5
144	71½	Rockware Grp	126	..	8.0	6.3	7.5
78	50	Rolls-R Mtors	65	-3	6.5	10.0	6.6
52½	25	Ropner Hldgs	44	..	3.2	7.3	5.2
48	26½	Do A	40½	-1	3.2	8.4	4.6
13½	4½	Rotaprint Hldgs	11½	-½	..	e	..
55	30	Rotaflex	52	..	2.5	4.7	9.8
52	25	Rotaprint	41	-1	4.2	9.5	7.3
52	26	Rothmans Int 'B'	45	-½	3.1	6.8	2.9
161	80	Rotork Ltd	118	-1	3.4	2.9	5.8
192	65	Routledge & K	152	..	5.6	3.7	22.6
102	40	Rowlinson Con	98	..	3.4	3.6	4.9
430	302	Rowntree Mac	366	..	11.5	3.1	9.0
187	66	Rowton Hotels	158	-8	9.0	5.7	27.1
142	86	Royal Worcs	124	..	9.0	7.3	8.5
35	14	Royco Grp	30½	-½	0.8	2.5	..
40	18	Ruberoid	33	..	3.1	9.4	10.2
90	46	Rugby Cement	79	..	5.0	6.4	9.6
61	33	Do NV	50	..	4.2	8.5	14.1
154	59	SGB Grp	144	-1	8.0	5.5	8.4
19	7¼	SKF 'B'	£10	..	47.9	4.8	5.0
107½	52	Saatchi	102	..	6.3	6.2	5.4
37½	29½	Sabah Timber	34½	..	2.3	6.7	3.4
255	130	Sainsbury J.	187	-2	9.6	5.2	10.6
20¾	12½	St Gobain	£16	..	63.7	4.0	7.6
230	113¾	Sale Tilney	219	-4	15.5	7.1	7.3
281	116	Samuel H.	281	..	12.0	4.3	13.8
277	113	Do A	266	-1	12.0	4.5	13.1
63	41	Sanderson Kay	65	..	6.2	9.5	9.5
39	20	Sandeman Mur	35	-1	4.7	13.4	3.7
58	40	Sanger J. E.	46	-1	6.8	14.7	9.8
119	77	Sangers	79	-1	8.8	11.1	6.1
77	33	Savoy Hotel 'A'	70	-5	1.5	2.2	16.7
116	59	Scapa Grp	99	-1	8.3n	8.3	4.2
297	193	Scholes G. H.	275	..	25.1	9.1	12.9
92	41	Scotcros	95	..	4.6	5.4	6.3
62	11	S.E.E.T.	54	-1	2.8	5.1	2.5
40	26½	Scot Heritable	30	..	2.0n	5.0	4.9
63	25	Scottish TV 'A'	60	..	3.4	5.6	5.0
99	55	Scot Univ Inv	89	-2	7.8	8.7	13.8
70½	32½	Sears Hldgs	61	-½	3.8	5.9	15.3
66	44	Securicor Grp	60	..	1.8	3.0	10.9
65	40	Do NV	58	..	1.8	3.2	10.5
68	46	Security Serv	68	..	2.9	4.2	10.2
68	40	Do A	68	..	2.9	4.2	10.2
20	11½	Sekers Int	17½	..	2.1b	12.0	9.8
28	10¾	Selincourt	25	-½	1.8	7.4	4.7
27	15	Senior Eng	22½	-1	1.8	7.9	7.7
120	44	Serck	91½	-1	9.0	9.8	7.6
39½	25	Shakespeare J.	37½	..	2.7	7.3	6.5
27½	13	Shaw Carpets	22	..	..	e	..
101	55	Sherpbridge	74	-1	6.4	8.7	9.4
10½	3½	Sherman S.	9	..	..	..	..
106	62	Sidlaw Ind	89	-1	9.1	10.2	8.3
192	113	Siebe Gorman	178	-4	8.0	4.5	9.9
86	30	Siemssen Hunt	61	-1	4.2	6.9	9.2
175	152	Signode 7% Cn	£160	+2	700	4.4	..
250	129	Simon Eng	199	..	11.1	5.6	6.5
93	36	Simpson S.	88	..	5.6	6.6	7.1
92	36	Do A	85	..	5.8	6.8	6.9
59	31	Sirdar	54	..	4.2	7.9	4.1
83	54	600 Group	75	-1	5.9	7.9	7.5
109	53	Sketchley	107	-1	7.0	6.6	12.7
27	19	Small & Tidmas	21	-1	3.1	14.7	..
29	10	Smallshaw R.	28	..	2.3	8.1	2.7
48	21½	Smart J.	43	..	5.5	13.1	5.0
99	28	Smith D. S.	82	-2	3.9	4.7	7.0
67½	39½	Smith & Neph	61	-1	3.5	5.7	12.9
168	67¾	Smith W. H. 'A'	143	-2	3.1	2.2	18.1
162	120	Smiths Ind	154	-3	11.0	7.1	7.0
210	84¾	Smurfit	181	-3	9.2	5.1	15.5
26	15	Sobranie	25	-1	2.5	10.2	10.2
25	15	Do NV	24	-1	2.5	10.6	9.8
60	42	Solicitors Law	57	..	5.8	10.2	11.1
217	156	Sotheby P. B.	208	-2	12.7	6.1	8.7
172	113	Spear & Jackson	118	+2	14.2	12.0	11.8
245	100	Spear J. W.	240	..	2.8	1.2	8.3
33	14	Spencer Gears	33	..	1.7	5.0	9.0
59	21¾	Spencer G.	45	..	3.4	7.6	26.5
35½	26½	Spillers	29	-1	4.2	14.6	6.3
290	140	Spirax-Sarco	244	..	13.5	5.5	9.6
59	27	Spooner Ind	52	..	4.0	7.7	5.2
158	66	Staffs Potts	140	-2	5.4	3.8	6.8
49	12	Staflex Int	15	..	..	e	2.1
114½	40¾	Stag Furniture	108	-1	7.3	6.8	5.8
168	56	Stanley A. G.	122	-2	8.0	6.5	15.5
260	163	Staveley Ind	233	..	13.2	5.7	7.9
380	204¾	Steel Bros	355	-2	17.8b	5.0	11.0
254	138	Steetley Co	194	-2	9.3	4.8	8.7
15	9	Steinberg	15	..	1.3	8.7	17.2
50	35	Stew't & Ll. 5%	45	..	..	..	..
85	23	Stocklake Hldgs	76	-4	3.9	5.1	4.1
182	83	StocksJ. & Son	180	..	5.9	3.3	6.3
97	60¾	Stonehill	94	..	9.1b	9.7	8.9
146	93	Stone Platt	107	..	5.5	5.1	..
174	98	Stothert & Pitt	148	-3	14.5	9.8	6.7
43½	28	Streeters	33	..	2.6	7.8	5.8
87	56	Strong & Fisher	68	..	6.4	9.4	4.0
37	11	Sunbeam W'sey	26	-1	2.6	10.0	6.5
47	38	Sutcliffe S'man	40	..	3.6	9.0	6.3
161	40	Swan Hunter	141	..	10.3	7.3	11.6
150	70	Swire Pacific 'A'	83	+2	..	..	..
20	9	Symonds Eng	19	..	2.0	10.6	11.3

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Tace	25	..	0.8n	3.1	7.4
892	620	Takeda Bdr	885	+5	16.8	1.9	26.2
23¾	3	Talbex Grp	21¼	-¼	0.4	2.0	20.0
220	126	Tarmac Ltd	143	-1	13.4	9.4	8.0
280	188	Tate & Lyle	208	-2	20.4	9.8	43.4
139	93	Tavener R'dge	108	-1	8.8	8.1	6.8
80	43	Taylor Pallis	80	..	6.8	8.5	7.6
504	244	Taylor Woodrow	382	..	10.7	2.8	9.2
122	45	Tecalemit	105	-3	5.5	5.2	7.4
42	18	Telefusion	38	-1	1.8	4.7	6.3
41	17	Do A	36	-1	1.8	4.9	6.0
142	84	Telephone Rent	129	-2	8.3	6.4	11.3
52½	33	Tesco	39½	..	2.3	5.9	8.9
29½	11	Textured Jersey	28	..	..	..	58.0
139	81	Thermal Synd	132	-1	10.3	7.8	10.1
763	365	Thomson Org	610	-5	9.0	1.5	68.1
450	196¾	Thorn Electric	352	..	10.4	3.0	9.6
12½	6½	Thurgar Bardex	12½	..	0.9	7.4	16.7
550	405	Tiger Oats	460	..	31.7	6.9	4.1
256	184	Tilbury Cont	247	+4	27.2	11.0	5.3
132	64½	Tilling T.	101	-1	6.5	6.5	8.9
128	42	Time Products	112	..	2.4	2.1	9.6
20	8	Titaghur Jute	12	..	..	..	..
19½	10	Tomkins F. H.	18½	..	1.5	7.8	6.8
51½	31	Tootal	45½	-½	3.8	8.2	10.3
48	16	Toye	44	..	1.3	2.8	26.2
50	32½	Tozer Kemsley	41	..	4.6	11.3	5.0
166	95	Trafalgar H Ltd	147	-1	7.8	5.3	9.1
82	43	Trans Paper	71	-1	6.7	9.5	5.7
73	48	Transport Dev	67	..	4.5	6.7	12.1
5½	2	Tranwood Grp	4½	-½	..	..	..
148	77	Travis & Arnold	138	..	5.3	3.8	5.7
58	25	Tricoville	56	..	2.8	4.9	5.1
59	31½	Trident TV 'A'	53	-1	4.3	8.1	6.6
89	50	Triplex Found	76	-1	6.8	8.7	6.0
201	114	Trust Hse Forte	174	-1	12.1	6.9	14.9
431	311½	Tube Invest	386	..	31.8	8.2	8.2
297	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	256	..	18.5	6.0	9.6
11¾	7	Turner Curzon	10¼	..	1.1	10.5	6.2
253	130	Turner Newall	204	-1	14.4	7.1	9.9
126	53	Turner Mfg	114	+1	6.1	5.3	4.3
72	27	Turriff	68	..	3.2	4.8	7.6
79	34	UBM Grp	72	..	6.4	8.9	19.3
99	54	UDS Grp	88	-1	7.3	8.3	14.4
193	143	UKO Int	162	..	12.5	7.7	8.8
103	65	Unicorn Ind	91	-1	8.2	9.0	8.2
37½	42	Unigate	52	-1	4.3	9.3	7.4
596	412	Unilever	504	+2	18.9	3.8	6.2
28²³⁄₃₂	20¼	Do NV	£22¾	+⅛	116	5.3	6.8
102	55	Unitech	90	-1	5.6	6.2	12.3
177	130½	Utd Biscuit	150	-3	8.2	5.4	8.5
54	31¾	Utd City Merc	48	..	1.1	2.3	6.0
32	20	Utd Eng	30	..	3.4	11.2	8.3
63	31¾	Utd Gas Ind	56	-3	5.5	9.8	9.1
332	198	Utd News	326	..	19.7	6.0	10.4
292	91¾	Utd Scientific	278	-2	9.1	3.3	11.5
42	19	Valor	35	..	3.0	8.4	6.1
132	78	Vantona	129	..	7.5	5.8	6.7
155	95	Vereeniging Ref	95	..	17.8	18.8	2.1
19¼	8¼	Vetco	£17¾	f ..	21.6	0.7	..
165	84	Vibroplant	160	..	14.6	9.2	11.6
242	144	Vickers	184	..	13.8	7.5	4.6
48½	26	Vita-Tex	43	..	4.9	11.3	6.3
182	71	Vosper	162	+2	6.9b	4.2	2.7
79	37	W Ribbons	74	..	5.0	6.8	7.0
94	70	WGI	91	-3	8.8	9.7	19.5
282	111	Waddington J.	212	-2	3.8	1.7	7.5
39½	18	Wade Potteries	28	-1	2.0	7.0	5.9
117	70	Wadkin	113	..	8.0	7.1	8.3
125	83	Wagon Ind	120	..	11.2b	9.3	8.6
17½	10	Walker & Homer	13	..	1.4	10.5	3.8
130	76½	Walker C & W	112	-1	9.1	8.1	6.1
103	32	Walker J. Gold	92	-2	3.2	3.5	7.3
102	32	Do NV	90	..	3.2	3.6	7.1
117	53½	Ward & Gold	95	-2	6.2	6.5	6.6
65	39½	Ward T. W.	63½	..	6.2	9.9	10.0
21	13	Wardle B.	18½	-½	1.9	10.0	9.8
90	44½	Waring & Gillow	83½	..	4.9	5.9	8.6
46	29¾	Warne Wright	42	..	4.0	9.5	5.3
90	44	Warren J.	65	f ..	..	e	..
41	18½	Warrington T.	40	..	4.7	11.9	21.4
57	31¾	Waterford Glass	43	-3	1.8	4.2	13.9
91	30	Watmoughs	77	-3	3.8	4.9	7.6
70	36	Watson & Philip	61½	..	3.7	6.0	8.6
175	109½	Watts Blake	156	-2	6.4b	4.1	7.8
22½	10½	Wearwell	20	..	..	e	4.6
150	71½	Weir Grp	114	+4	8.0	7.0	5.7
29½	9	Wellco Hldgs	25	..	0.8	3.0	5.2
50	31	Wellman Eng	44	+1	3.3	7.5	7.0
44	22	Westbrick Pds	30	..	2.2	7.4	6.8
57	29	Westinghse Brke	47	..	3.2n	6.9	4.8
69½	41	Westland Air	47	..	4.8	10.3	12.2
9	6	Westminster Inv	9	f ..	..	e	..
26	15	Wharf Mill	21	-1	2.2	10.2	9.7
54	25	Whatlings	43	..	3.9	9.0	5.5
240	128	W'sheaf Dist	128	-2	11.4	8.9	8.9
50½	28	Wh'lock Mar	32	..	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	94	..	7.0	7.4	5.2
17	8	Wheway Watson	17	..	1.3	7.8	10.2
84	41	White Child	80	..	6.8	8.5	5.8
195	128	Whitecroft	187	-1	20.0	10.7	4.2
54	18	Whiteley BSW	44	..	0.8c	1.7	18.4
133	58	Wholesale Ft	132	..	8.3	6.3	7.7
272	95	Wigfall H.	260	h -2	7.5	2.9	..
25	11	Wiggins Constr	26	..	2.4	9.5	8.0
120	55	Wight Cons	120	..	10.2	8.5	9.5
214	120	Wilkins'n March	186	-3	13.2	7.1	10.1
104	79	Do 10% Conv	£98	..	1000	10.2	..
44	27¾	Wms J. Cardiff	41	..	4.2	10.2	5.4
58	26	Wills G. & Sons	59	+2	2.2	3.8	6.1
91½	61	Wilmot Breeden	60½	-2	4.5	7.4	4.3
44	17½	Wilson Bros	42½	..	2.1	5.0	10.4
91	36	Wimpey G	73	-1	0.9	1.3	9.7
45	24	Winn Ind	40	..	4.0	10.1	8.4
44	28¾	Witter T.	40	..	4.4	10.9	7.2
200	92	W'aley Hughes	188	-2	10.2	5.4	8.8
30	12	Wood & Sons	28	..	0.9	3.2	5.9
47	30	Wood S. W.	41	..	5.9	14.3	..
101	63	Wood Hall Tst	93	..	7.3	7.9	8.6
127	49½	Woodhead J.	95	..	3.4	3.7	6.1
32	36	W'dh'se Rixson	29	-½	3.3	11.5	8.0
69	49	Woolworth	64	-1	6.8	9.3	13.0
27	15	Wrighton F.	23½	..	1.7	7.1	..
288	140	Yarrow & Co	270	..	7.0	2.6	9.2
75	23¾	York Trailer	63	..	3.3	5.2	6.6
80	43	Youghal C'pts	52	-1	7.2	13.8	5.8
54	31	Zetters	52	..	1.8	3.4	12.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
285	175	Akroyd & Sm	238	-4	25.4	10.5	2.5
410	209	Assam Trdng 'B'	410	..	3.5	0.8	4.6
30	17	Boustead	26½	..	2.3	8.6	7.3
25	6	Brit Arrow	20½	-½	..	..	..
114	71	BET Dfd	100	-2	8.1	8.1	7.5
163	102	Challenge Corp	110	..	7.0	6.4	5.9
66	42	Charterhse Grp	59	..	5.1	8.6	11.4
37½	27¼	C Fin de Suez	£28	-¼	..	..	..
345	215	Daily Mail Tst	320	-2	18.2	5.7	20.1
345	210	Do A	308	-4	18.2	5.9	19.3
243	195	Dalgety	229	-1	17.7	7.9	7.8
36	13	Dawnay Day	32	-1	1.5	4.8	12.5
21	12	Edin Ind Hldgs	14	-½	0.2n	1.1	31.6
113	79	Electra Inv	96	-2	6.5	6.7	20.9
27	15	Exploration	25	..	0.8	3.0	10.5
95	47	FC Finance	64	..	2.3	3.5	17.6
31	14	Goode D & M Grp	27½	+½	1.2	4.4	..
427	200¾	Inchcape	353	-2	22.7b	6.4	8.1
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	106	..	4.0	3.6	13.8
17	6	Ldn & Euro Grp	13	..	..	..	..
120	61	M&G Grp Hldgs	108	..	5.2	4.9	11.2
54	26	Manson Fin	45	..	4.9	10.3	17.0
76	47	Martin R. P.	64	..	9.1	14.3	9.7
95	40	Prop Inv & Fin	91	..	6.1b	6.7	20.4
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	93	-1	6.9	7.5	10.6
120	87	Sime Darby	96	..	4.2	4.4	8.6
61	37	Smith Bros	56	-1	6.8	12.2	11.8
750	631	Tyndall O'seas	677	..	46.4	6.9	..
55	14	Utd Dom Tst	41	..	..	e	29.9
117	42½	Wagon Fin	99	..	6.3b	6.6	11.8
79	37	Yule Catto	74	-1	2.0	2.7	15.9

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	65	Bowring	103	+1	4.3	4.1	..
58	39	Brentnall Beard	45	..	1.9	4.3	13.9
194	112	Britannic	163	-2	12.5	7.7	..
172	103½	Com Union	139	-1	11.6	8.3	..
180	107	Eagle Star	138	-2	9.3	6.7	..
194	114	Equity & Law	164	-2	9.4	5.7	..
224	161	Gen Accident	212	-2	12.5b	5.9	..
294	175	Guardian Royal	224	-2	14.5	6.5	..
300	155	Hambro Life	273	..	24.1	8.9	..
270	136¾	Heath C. E.	245	+5	7.5	3.1	11.3
201	125	Hogg Robinson	163	-2	9.0	5.5	9.1
201	127	Howden A.	150	+3	5.6	3.7	9.2
184	108	Legal & Gen	160	-1	9.0	5.8	..
117	90	Leslie & Godwin	92	+2	6.4	7.0	10.4
150	90	London & Man	122	..	8.2	6.7	..
180	57	Ldn Utd Inv	142	-1	5.8	4.1	11.8
296	167	Matthews W'son	205	+5	13.9	6.8	9.3
193	100	Minet Hldgs	153	+3	4.9	3.2	12.7
79	43	Moran C.	60	..	5.0n	8.3	6.6
292	182	Pearl	244	-2	17.3	7.1	..
322	188	Phoenix	248	+2	14.9	6.0	..
130	100	Prov Life 'A'	127	..	11.8	9.3	..
130	100	Do A Br	127	..	11.8	9.3	..
130	100	Do B	127	..	11.8	9.3	..
130	100	Do B Br	127	..	11.8	9.3	..
180	116	Prudential	154	-2	9.5	6.2	..
152	94	Refuge	134	-2	10.5	7.8	..
490	290	Royal	375	-5	23.6	6.3	..
396	224	Sedg. Forbes	310	-5	14.5	4.7	13.4
111	69	Stenhouse	100	..	6.1	6.1	7.5
662	395	Sun Alliance	524	-3	30.5	5.8	..
117	65	Sun Life	98	-1	4.7	4.8	..
175	112	Trade Indem'ty	165	..	12.0	7.3	..
310	195	Willis Faber	260	..	11.9	4.6	13.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
142	80	Aberdeen Trst	125	-1	7.1	5.6	24.3
224	166	Alliance Trust	196	-3	9.8n	4.9	28.8
49	31½	Amer Trust	39	-½	1.8b	4.7	33.8
100	78	Ang-Amer Secs	86	-1½	4.1	4.7	29.6
52	32	Anglo Int Inv	48½	..	4.4	9.1	17.0
137	87	Do Ass	120	-2	..	..	..
44½	31	Anglo Scot	37½	..	2.4	6.3	24.4
132½	92½	Ashdown Inv	111½	-2	6.1	5.5	25.9
53	35	ABC Regional	51½	..	0.8	1.5	82.6
90½	49	Atlantic Assets	73	-½	0.6	0.8	..
62	40	Atlas Electric	53	-1	2.4	4.8	31.6
61½	39¾	Bankers Inv	53½	..	3.5b	6.5	22.1
56	40	Berry Trust	50½	-½	1.3	2.6	55.5
298½	208½	Border & Sthrn	257½	-2	11.4	4.4	31.9
41½	30	Brit Am & Gen	36½	..	2.3	6.3	24.7
71½	49	Brit Assets Tst	61½	-1	3.3	5.4	26.3
12	7½	Brit-Emp Sec	11¼	..	0.9	8.1	16.1
175	116	Brit Invest	144	h -2	6.8	4.7	33.0
149	102½	Broadstone	134½	-2	7.3	5.4	26.6
98½	63	Brunner	85½	-1	5.4	6.3	23.9
76	43	Brycourt Inv	74	..	3.3	4.4	23.4
66	43	CLRP Inv	60	-1	2.9	4.8	25.3
280	187	Caledonia Inv	240	-1	12.8	5.3	26.9
75½	56	Caledonian Tst	61½	-½	2.6	4.2	40.3
69½	52	Do B	60½	..	..	..	..
124½	91	Capital & Natl	109½	-1	6.8	6.2	..
117½	84½	Do B	105½	-1	..	..	..
107½	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	94½	-1	5.1	5.4	..
113½	85½	Carliol Inv	99½	..	5.7	5.7	26.3
67	46	Cedar Inv	61½	-1½	3.8	6.2	23.3
59	40	Charter Trust	54	-1	3.3	6.4	24.9
69½	54	Clydesdale Inv	60½	-1	2.7	4.4	38.8
68	49	Do B	59	..	..	..	..
11½	8	Common Mkt	£11	..	20.5g	1.9	..
209½	152½	Cont & Ind	181½	-2	9.1	5.0	31.2
129½	103	Crescent Japan	118½	..	..	..	..
92	48	Crossfriars	78	..	5.1	6.5	22.1
29½	14½	Cumulus	29½	..	1.2	4.1	38.9
100	80	Delta Inv	80	..	..	..	..
210	132	Derby Tst 'Inc'	203	..	20.4	10.0	15.1
170	88	Do Cap	155	..	..	..	..
135	100	Drayton Com	114½	-½	6.2	5.4	27.5
146	115	Drayton Cons	127	-3	7.1	5.6	24.0
198	150	Do Premier	170	-1	9.2	5.4	26.4
65	40½	Dundee & Ldn	57½	-½	3.5	6.1	24.3
168	115	Edin & Dundee	168	h ..	5.3b	3.2	..
96½	65	Edin Amer Ass	89	..	1.7	1.9	56.3
239	164	Edinburgh Inv	207	-3	9.6b	4.6	35.9
72½	50	Elec & Gen	61	..	2.2b	3.6	37.9
92½	69¾	Eng & Int	82½	..	5.3	6.4	22.3
76	54½	Eng & N York	67	-1	3.8b	5.7	26.9
283	171¾	Estate Duties	276	..	11.2	4.1	32.8
93	69	First Scot Am	78½	-½	4.3	5.5	31.0
153	117	Foreign & Colnl	134	-2	4.4	3.3	48.4
131	98	Gt Japan Inv	100	..	2.3	2.3	48.3
148½	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	128½	..	6.3	4.9	38.8
117½	78	Do Conv	101½	-1	..	..	..
108	74½	Gen Inv & Tsts	94	..	5.2	5.5	27.5
84	65	Gen Scottish	75½	-½	4.6	6.1	24.5
87½	64	Glendevon	75	..	2.6	3.4	42.8
122½	71	Globe Trust	100½	-1½	6.2b	6.2	22.5
76	49	Grange Trust	71	..	3.2	4.5	31.4
110	75	Great Northern	94½	-2½	5.8	6.2	23.9
86	61½	Greenfriar	73	..	2.2	3.0	40.3
52	27	Gresham Hse	52	..	4.8	8.6	12.4
84½	57	Guardian	73	-3	3.6	4.9	30.1
94	61	Hambros	83½	-½	5.1	6.1	26.6
94	38	Harcros	80	h ..	2.9	3.6	46.0
186½	122	Hill P. Inv	172	-2	10.8	6.3	24.4
79	42	Hume Hldgs A	74½	-½	6.4	8.8	18.9
53¾	36½	Indus & General	45	-¾	2.2	4.8	29.2
76	52	Internat Inv	68	-2½	3.6b	5.2	25.1
132	89½	Invest in Suc	106½	..	4.0b	3.7	33.2
206	162	Inv Tst Corp	181	-2	9.2	5.1	28.3
75	50½	Inv Cap Trst	64½	..	2.5	3.9	35.6
133½	104	Jardine Japan	104	..	1.1	1.0	..
143	105	Jersey Ext	105	-3	..	..	..
80	66	Lake View Inv	79½	-1	3.3	4.2	33.5
101	68	Law Deb Corp	95	-1	6.2	6.5	22.6
111	84	Ldn & Holyrood	100	-2½	5.0	5.0	31.1
181	139	Ldn & Montrose	166	-1	8.3	5.0	30.5
109	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	96	-1	4.7	4.9	31.0
96	34	Ldn Merch Sec	76½	-1½	2.1	2.7	..
94½	31	Do Cap	75½	-1½	..	..	..
71	44	Ldn Pru Invest	66	-1	4.2b	6.3	27.7
193	125	Ldn Trust	182	-6	12.1b	6.7	23.8
39¾	26	Mercantile Inv	34½	-1	1.5	4.4	35.8
72½	55	Merchants Trust	64½	-1	3.9b	6.1	28.0
50	40½	Monks Inv	44	-¾	2.1	4.8	30.1
85	67	Moorgate Inv	80	..	4.6	5.8	24.7
22	11½	New Throg 'Inc'	20	..	2.3b	11.7	15.8
123	24	Do Cap	84	-3	..	..	..
94	74½	North Atlantic	81	-1	4.1	5.0	28.1
100	71	Northern Amer	85½	-½	4.3	5.1	30.1
101	64	Northern Sec	99	-1	5.0b	5.1	33.1
66	48	Oil & Associated	56	-1	2.0	3.1	28.2
118	88	Pentland	104	-3	5.2	5.0	27.2
75	60	Progressive Sec	68	..	4.0	5.9	25.0
123	98	Raeburn	107½	-2½	5.6	5.2	25.6
177	108	River & Merc	156	-3	11.5	7.4	19.9
144	85½	River Plate	136	-2	8.2	6.0	..
89	69	Romney Trust	75	-2½	3.8	5.0	31.0
187	104½	Rothschild	162	-2	8.5	5.3	24.5
71	44	Safeguard	68	..	5.5	8.0	18.0
88	57½	Scot Amer	76½	-2½	3.8	5.0	..
60	39½	Scot&Cont'l Inv	60	..	1.8	3.0	47.2
131	49	Scot & Merc 'A'	117	-6	4.6	3.9	36.9
132	100	Scot Eastern	115½	-1½	5.7b	4.9	31.3
38½	26	Scot European	35½	..	2.3b	6.4	26.9
99½	75	Scot Invest	89½	-2	3.9	4.5	32.0
118½	91½	Scot Mortgage	98	-3	4.6b	4.6	30.8
148½	111	Scot National	129½	-4	5.2	4.1	33.1
100	70	Scot Northern	88	-2½	4.2	4.8	29.5
87½	72	Scot United	74	-2	3.0	4.1	47.7
89½	70	Scot Western	74½	-1½	3.2	4.2	41.6
86½	64½	Do B	73½	-1	..	..	..
191½	143	Sec Alliance	168	-3	8.6	5.1	28.7
78½	61½	Sec Gt Northern	68	-½	2.8	4.1	40.7
75½	58	Do B	64½	-3	..	..	38.6
174	132	Sterling Trust	153	-1	8.0	5.2	27.4
94½	67½	Stockholders	81	-3	3.1	3.8	37.7
104	62	Throg Sec 'Cap'	90	-2	..	..	..
73	45½	Throgmtn Trust	65½	-½	6.6	10.1	14.9
164½	125	Trans-Oceanic	148	-3	7.6	5.1	28.1
676	365	Tribune Inv	565	-15	10.3b	3.2	36.8
67½	48½	Triplevest 'Inc'	63½	-1	6.4	10.3	15.9
179	94	Do Cap	136	-2	..	..	..
139	93	Trustees Corp	124	-2	6.4	5.1	29.0
111	87½	Tyneside Inv	100	h +3	5.7b	5.7	18.2
128	97	Utd Brit Secs	110	-2	6.4	5.8	27.6
95	74½	Utd States Deb	82	..	4.6b	5.7	34.3
196	142	Utd States Gen	169	-3	9.0	5.3	24.7
104	69½	Viking Res	85	-1	1.4	1.6	70.5
184	140	W'bottom Trust	175	-1	7.0	4.0	37.4
89	63	Witan Inv	72½	-3	3.2b	4.4	..
83	61	Do B	68	-2	0.1	0.1	..
171	111	Yeoman Tst	163	-3	10.5b	6.4	23.8
29	17	Yorks & Lancs	27	-1	2.1b	7.6	18.6
80	50	Young Co. Inv	73	-1	5.0b	6.8	21.3

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	278	-2	13.0	4.7	9.5
152	54	Fisher J.	117	..	2.2	1.9	11.5
355	207	Furness Withy	316	-3	11.9	3.7	6.3
305	140	Hunting Gibson	208	-4	18.4	8.2	2.7
40½	24¼	Jacobs J. I.	39	..	2.8	7.3	11.5
57¼	33¼	Ldn & O'seas Fr	38	..	5.1	14.2	..
270	215	Manch Liners	255	..	7.6	3.0	30.5
179	123¾	Ocean Trans	125	..	11.8	9.4	3.3
172	107	P & O 'Dfd'	107	-2	9.6	9.0	7.4
159	100	Runciman W	107	-2	12.6	11.7	7.8

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
520	370	Anglo Am Coal	445	..	27.9	6.1	..
332	198	Anglo Am Corp	265	..	20.9g	7.8	..
17¼	13¼	Ang Am Gold	£15⁵⁄₁₆	+⅛	87.2	6.3	..
33½	19	Anglo Am Inv	£30¾	..	303	10.0	..
9½	6¾	Anglo Transvl	£6½	..	66.1	10.2	..
9	6¾	Do A	£6½	..	66.1	10.2	..
11¼	8¾	Asarco	£10	-¼	20.5	2.1	..
397	235	Ayer Hitam	260	+5	97.1	37.3	..
58	28	Beralt Tin	48	-1	6.2	12.6	..
417	249	Blyvoors	307	+2	33.5	10.9	..
46	16	Botswana RST	16	..	..	..	..
88	56	Bracken Mines	79	..	16.5	20.9	..
127	67	BH South	72	..	..	e	..
10¹¹⁄₃₂	5¾	Buffelsfontein	£8⅝	-¼	94.5	11.0	..
154	106	Charter Cons	128	-1	11.8	9.4	..
220½	136	Cons Gold Fields	186	-3	11.7	6.3	..
311	186	De Beers 'Dfd'	291	..	26.4	9.1	..
339	145	Doornfontein	273	-12	18.7	6.8	..
362	132	Durban Rood	282	+2	..	e	..
35	9	East Daggа	28	..	..	..	..
735	425	E Driefontein	638	-13	48.5	7.7	..
477	177	E Rand Prop	379	-15	..	e	..
58	29	El Oro M & Ex	58	..	1.5	2.6	..
154	64	Elsburg Gold	137	-5	5.4	3.9	..
14¾	8¾	F S Geduld	£13½	-¼	158	11.7	..
570	317	Geevor Tin	460	..	30.3	6.6	..
17½	12	Gen Mining	£14¾	..	139	9.4	..
325	185	Gopeng Cons	260	..	22.7	8.6	..
141	52	Grootvlei	130	-2	11.9	9.2	..
310	160	Hamersley	167	-5	..	..	..
112	77	Hampton Gold	91	-2	2.2	2.5	..
469	235	Harmony	386	-6	33.0	8.5	..
13½	7¾	Hartebeest	£10¹³⁄₁₆	-⅛	91.2	8.6	..
15	10¾	Jo'burg Cons	£12¾	..	104	8.2	..
382	300	Kinross	335	-4	22.4	6.7	..
376	230	Kloof	471	-4	18.7	4.0	..
52	20	Leslie	48	..	2.0	4.1	..
544	175	Libanon	488	-1	49.7	10.2	..
76	42	Lydenburg Plat	60	-2	1.7	2.9	..
242	123	MIM Hldgs	132	+2	5.7	4.3	..
85	41	MTD (Mangula)	42	-1	12.8	30.6	..
410	220	Malayan Tin	290	+5	..	..	..
121	48	Marievale Con	82	-4	23.6	28.2	..
195	83	Messina Trans	89	-1	19.0	21.3	..
36	10	Metals Explor	13	..	..	..	..
230	125	Middle Wits	160	..	14.2	8.9	..
154	125	Minorco	135	..	6.9	5.1	..
460	250	Nchanga Explor	260	+3	51.2	19.7	..
46	28	Pahang Cons	44	+1	3.8	8.5	..
535	345	Peko Wallsend	440	y +5	..	..	..
10½	6¾	Pres Brand	£8¾	-¼	85.8	9.7	..
7½	4¾	Pres Steyn	£6¾	-¼	13.2	2.0	..
160	80	Rand Mine Prop	130	..	8.9	6.9	..
34½	19	Randfontein	£29⁵⁄₁₆	..	222	6.7	..
246	170	Rio Tinto Zinc	170	-7	12.9b	7.6	..
165	52	Roan Cons 'B'	60	..	..	..	..
96	60	Rustenburg	90	-4	..	..	..
90	35	Saint Piran	54	..	3.0	5.6	..
19¾	9¾	St Helena	£17¾	-½	15.9	9.6	..
500	370	Selection Tst	380	-2	25.3	6.6	..
231	118	Sentrust	184	-3	19.0	10.3	..
97	30	SA Land	70	-3	..	e	..
76	55	South Crofty	59	-1	6.3	10.6	..
510	235	Southvaal	478	-11	13.1	2.7	..
305	150	Sthn Malayan	245	+3	19.2	7.3	..
160	57	Sungei Besi	144	..	..	..	..
164	116	Tanc Cons	134	..	11.0	8.2	..
143	42	Tanjong Tin	100	..	10.2	10.2	..
260	207½	Tharsis Sulph	230	..	4.0	1.8	..
12¾	9¾	Transvaal Cons	£12	..	61.4	5.1	..
200	93	Tronoh Mines	160	+3	7.0	4.4	..
230	117	UC Invest	220	-2	20.1	9.1	..
294	165	Union Corp	262	..	23.8	9.1	..
14⅜	8	Vaal Reefs	£11¹¹⁄₁₆	..	77.0	6.4	..
288	70	Venterspost	260	-11	71.8	27.5	..
42	27	Wankie Colliery	37	-1	7.0	18.9	..
253	118	Welkom	219	-5	23.1	10.5	..
23	13¾	W Driefontein	£17¾	-¼	174	9.8	..
209	113	W Rand Cons	150	+4	8.2	5.5	..
242	110	Western Areas	220	-7	8.2	3.7	..
8¾	5¾	Western Deep	£6¾	-⅛	51.3	7.8	..
17	10½	Western Hldgs	£15⅞	-⅛	185	11.9	..
164	84	Western Mining	84	-2	3.8	4.5	..
671	380	Winkelhaak	646	-2	56.7	8.8	..
23½	10½	Zambia Copper	10½	..	..	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
68	44	Ampol Pet	58	..	3.4	5.9	14.1
120	47	Attock	112	f ..	6.5	5.8	25.7
186	128	Brit Borneo	152	..	9.3	6.1	67.9
960	700	BP	780	-16	33.5	4.4	27.1
83	41	Burmah Oil	53	-1	..	e	..
66½	44½	Century Oils	51	..	3.7	7.3	3.8
34½	18½	Charterhall	25½	-½	..	..	65.4
18½	12¾	C F Petroles	£13	-½	156	12.0	3.2
44	24	KCA Int	38½	-½	0.2	0.5	..
195	163	Lasmo	174	-2	..	..	..
415	285	Do Ops	363	-5	..	..	..
109½	84½	Do 14% Ln	£101	-½	1400	13.9	..
332	77	Oil Exploration	216	-14	2.9	1.3	35.3
27½	8	Premier Cons	16½	-½	..	..	..
23⅝	14¾	Ranger Oil	£16¾	+⅛	..	..	..
3¾	1½	Reynolds Dir	1½	..	..	..	..
50⅜	35½	Royal Dutch	£38½	+1¼	147	3.8	6.9
632	458	Shell Trans	482	-2	23.6	4.9	5.8
242	104	Tricentrol	144	-6	1.7	1.2	21.2
266	124	Ultramar	222	-4	..	..	10.5
156	84	Do 7% Cnv	132	-5	10.6	8.0	..

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
60¾	29¾	Allied Ldn	49	-1	2.8	5.7	11.0
230	127	Allnatt Ldn	215	-3	5.9	2.8	29.1
242	114	Apex Props	228	+1	5.3	2.3	39.3
16½	11	Aquis Secs	16	-½	0.9	5.8	19.5
101	46½	Beaumont Prop	85	-3	5.8	6.8	27.9
57	23½	Bellway Hldgs	50	..	4.0	8.0	..
127	89	Berkeley Hmbro	98	-2	4.0	4.1	..
186	130	Bilton Percy	174	-3	9.4	5.4	21.8
183	116	Do Accum	171	-2	0.3	0.2	..
234	118	Bradford Prop	224	+3	9.9	4.4	9.5
47½	22	British Land	34	-1	..	e	..
116	56½	Brixton Estate	103	-1	2.9b	2.8	32.8
51	10	Cap & Counties	47	..	1.5b	3.2	..
320	141	Chesterfield	295	..	5.5	1.9	43.1
14½	6½	Chown Secs	11	+½	..	..	..
270	145	Churchbury Est	267	..	6.6	2.5	37.7
64	37½	City Offices	57	-1	2.5	4.4	24.9
172	114	Corn Exchange	162	..	3.0	1.9	28.1
27½	17	Country & New T	24½	..	1.0	4.0	..
91	35	County & Dist	81	..	1.2	1.5	28.9
69	33½	Daejan Hldgs	66	-1½	4.5	6.8	..
51½	24	Eng Prop	39	+½	3.5	8.9	13.6
20½	11	Estates & Gen	18½	-½	1.2	6.5	17.1
87	35	Estates Prop	84	..	1.5	1.8	33.1
100	32	Evans of Leeds	84	-5	2.0	2.3	30.4
330	200	Gt Portland	306	-4	8.0	2.6	35.7
87	52	Guildhall	80	-2	3.7	4.6	18.4
595	310	Hammerson 'A'	570	-2	7.7	1.3	97.1
260	152	Haslemere Ests	233	-2	4.6	2.0	37.5
231	142	Land Secs	211	..	7.3	3.5	62.1
56	39½	Law Land	44½	-2	1.5b	3.4	78.1
93	49½	Ldn & Prov Sh	83	..	1.1	1.3	42.2
74	40	Ldn Shop	62	-1	4.5	7.3	46.3
132	69	Lynton Hldgs	125	-1	3.6	2.9	21.6
134	46	MEPC	119	-1	2.6	2.2	37.2
22	8½	Marler Estates	21	..	..	..	..
38	15	Midhurst Whites	35	-½	..	..	..
122	48	Mucklow A & J.	113	-1	3.4	3.0	26.7
160	108	Municipal	160	+5	7.0	4.4	9.0
83	28	Peachey Prop	71	-2	1.5	2.1	..
315	180	Prop & Rever	300	-3	7.1	2.4	42.8
315	178	Do A	300	-3	7.1	2.4	42.8
347	216	Prop Hldgs	320	..	9.9	3.1	45.8
156	44	Prop Sec	133	-3	3.1	2.4	..
6¾	2	Raglan Prop	5½	-½	..	..	..
85	31	Regional	80	..	1.8	1.3	..
77	30	Do A	63	+½	1.0	1.6	..
115	29	Rush & Tompkins	108	..	3.3	3.6	18.1
118	59¾	Scot Met Props	100	-3	2.9	2.9	41.0
129	77	Slough Ests	115	-1	3.4	3.0	37.2
268	156	Stock Conv	243	-6	3.0n	1.3	33.5
238	90	Sunley B.	200	-4	6.1	3.0	..
17	5	Town & City	14½	-½	0.0	0.1	..
97	41	Trafford Park	86	-2	5.5	6.4	17.0
24	10½	UK Props	21	-½	..	e	16.0
20	7¾	Webb J.	18	..	0.7	3.8	18.1
19	10½	W'mster & C'ty	16½	..	..	e	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
93	34	Anglo-Indonesia	92	..	3.9	4.2	..
37½	18	Bradwall FMS	37½	..	1.9	5.1	..
197	82	Castlefield	184	..	5.0	2.7	..
56	25	Chersonese	54	..	2.0	3.6	..
106	74½	Cons Plant	103	+½	12.0	11.7	..
56	13	Doranakande	56	..	2.2n	3.9	..
57	27½	Gadek Malaysia	51½	-½	1.0	1.9	..
10½	5½	Grand Central	10½	+½	0.8	7.9	..
250	155	Guthrie Corp	218	..	18.2	8.3	..
78½	48	Harrisons Malay	75	..	4.6	6.2	..
86	36½	Highlds & Low	65½	+1½	4.7	7.1	..
145	67	Hongkong	145	..	8.4	5.6	..
210	125	Killinghall	210	..	17.5	8.3	..
34½	22	Kulim Malaysia	33½	+1	2.1	6.2	..
128	44	Ldn Sumatra	113	h -1	3.1	2.7	..
56	23½	Majedie	54	..	1.0	1.9	..
33½	10½	Malayalam	30½	h ..	1.7	5.7	..
33	12¾	Muar River	29½	..	0.7	2.6	..
66½	34	Plant Hldgs	62	-½	3.3	5.3	..
23½	10½	Sungei Krian	223	+½	75.9	3.3	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
390	147	Assam Frontier	290	..	24.6	8.5	..
118	52	Assam Inv	113	+1	10.6	9.4	..
240	96	Camellia Inv	197	..	2.8	1.4	..
148	22	Deundi	137	h ..	4.9	3.6	..
250	123	Jokai	228	+3	18.5n	8.1	..
245	120	McLeod Russel	230	..	15.2	6.6	..
410	124	Moran	390	..	5.4	1.4	..
95	15	Surmah Valley	95	..	10.0	10.5	..
202	102	Warren Plant	187	..	20.0b	10.7	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10¾	7¹³⁄₁₆	Algoma Cen Rly	£9¾	+¼	26.0	2.7	15.7
71	40	Calcutta Elec	70	..	13.0	18.6	..
32½	42	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£32½	+½	490	9.3	..
35¾	31½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	39½	-¼	330	13.8	..
64	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£62	..	133	3.7	11.7
458	342	Imp Cont Gas	346	+3	14.2	4.1	14.1
36	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£36	+¼	500	13.2	..
82	46	Milford Docks	78	..	4.1	5.3	8.5
278	140	Nigerian Elec	270	..	17.2	6.4	..
38½	31½	Sunderland Wtr	£38½	+¼	538	14.8	..

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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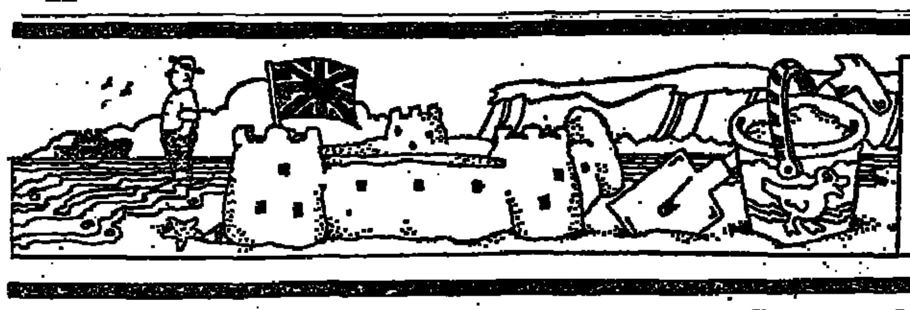
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	Index No.	Div. Yield	Earnings Yield	Index No.
	Latest	%	%	Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	192.68	6.71	13.49	193.59
Largest Coys.	193.78	6.65	11.61	194.61
Smaller Coys.	189.92	7.25	14.24	190.27
Capital Goods	225.92	6.84	14.28	237.35
Consumer Goods	208.88	7.06	13.07	209.30
Store Shares	188.19	6.39	9.23	188.40
Largest financial shares	213.71	5.86	—	215.16
Largest financial and industrial shares	197.58	6.42	—	198.56
Commodity shares	200.42	5.86	12.87	200.30
Gold Mining shares	281.90	8.98	17.98	283.95
Industrial debenture stocks	94.81	6.20*	—	95.13
Industrial preference stocks	63.38	11.84*	—	63.38
3½% War Loan	35½	9.87*	—	36¼

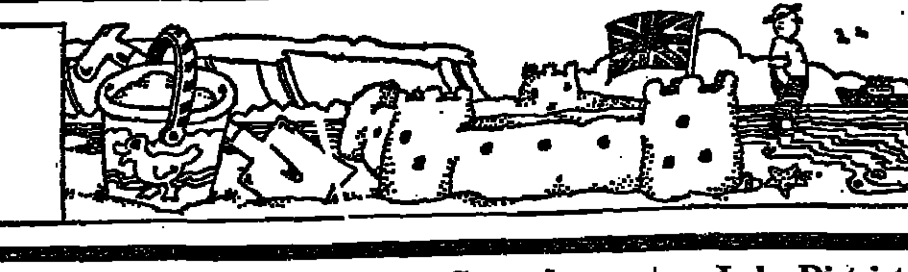
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	High	Low
All-time	222.38 (14.09.77)	80.18 (12.12.74)
1978	209.15 (06.01.78)	192.68 (03.02.78)
1977	222.88 (14.09.77)	151.29 (13.01.77)
1976	171.65 (05.05.76)	115.63 (27.10.76)
1975	158.92 (19.11.75)	81.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	80.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	126.98 (14.12.73)

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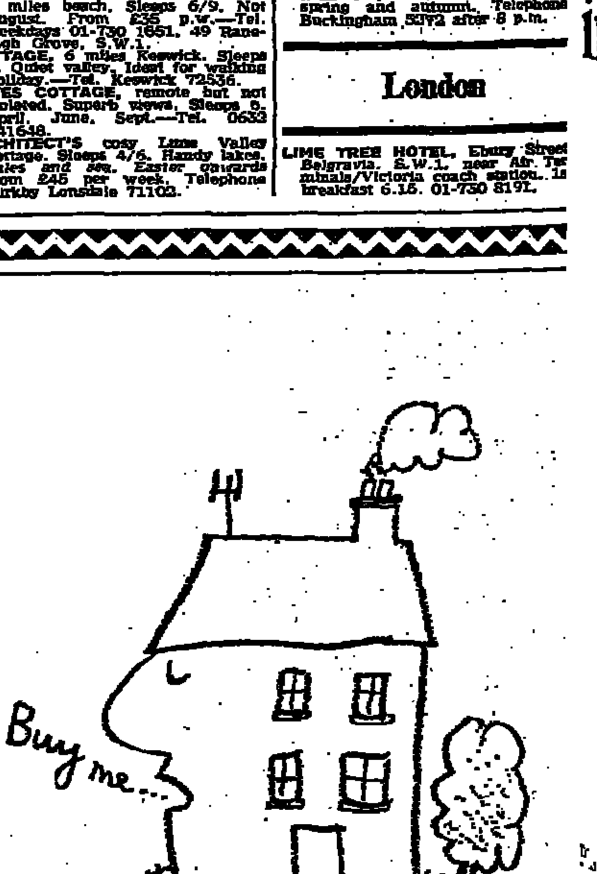
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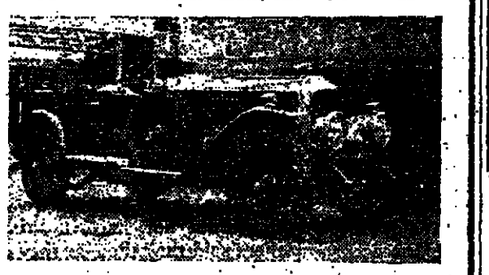
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In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Re: THE LAFARGE ORGANISATION Limited and Re: The Companies Act 1948. Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 23rd day of January 1978 later sanc- tioning the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Com- pany from £1,500,000 to £756,513.50 and Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital as altered the several Particulars required by the above-named Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 26th day of January, 1978.
Dated the 4th day of February 1978.
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Dated this 26th day of January 1978.
P. W. J. HARTIGAN, Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of DONALDSON TRANSPORTATION Limited in Liquidation.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948 that a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named company will be held at the offices of Coopers & Lybrand, One Noble Street (entrance 29 Gresham Street in Staining Lane), London, EC2V 7DA on Wednesday, 15th February 1978 at 2.45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquid- ator's acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding up to date.
Proxies for the meeting must be lodged at the address below not later than 4.00 p.m. on the 14th day of February 1978.
Dated this 3rd day of February 1978.
P. F. M. SHEWELL, Liquidator.
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The Companies Act 1948 to 1976
CARDINAL FLOORING CO. Limited.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 5/6 Bentinck Street, London W1A 2BA on Friday, the 10th day of February 1978, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes men- tioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 26th day of January 1978.
By Order of the Board. H. LANE, Director.

The Companies Acts 1948 to 1976
WESSELLE FASHIONS Limited.
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Dated this 30th day of January 1978.
By Order of the Board. I. BULL, Director.

The Companies Acts 1948 to 1967
LINGTON HOLDINGS Limited.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situate at 5/6 Bentinck Street, London W1 on Tuesday, the 14th day of February 1978, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in sec- tions 293 and 295 of the said Act.
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Weekend SHOPAROUND Sheila Black

■ Those miniature, red, heart-shaped Love Candles are literally being plucked from the shelves as soon as they get there, so the manufacturer has now developed the Floral Love Candle. These are really charming, worth buying even if you have already invested about 50p in a plainer Love Candle. The heart-shaped tins are a pale honey colour, decorated on the lid with colour prints of geranium, honeysuckle, rose, carnation, poppy or jasmine. The candles are fragrant—the carnation is excellent, the best of a good bunch. They are just coming into all the stockists now—branches of John Lewis, Jacksons of Piccadilly, Dickins and Jones, Liberty, Peter Knight, and the gift shops everywhere. The price is around 70p.

From the same maker and at roughly similar stockists, you can buy the Smokers' Candle at about £1.50, a suitable present for smoking Valentine mates, male or female. A sturdy, red tobacco tin holds this candle blended from a number of fragrances that effectively combat stale tobacco smoke and other odours. I burnt a sauce one evening when expecting dinner guests, and rushed around with aerosol sprays to mask the awful stink, but found they rapidly wore off and the burnt smell took over again. Then I suddenly thought of the Smokers' Candle I had bought before Christmas and set a match to it.

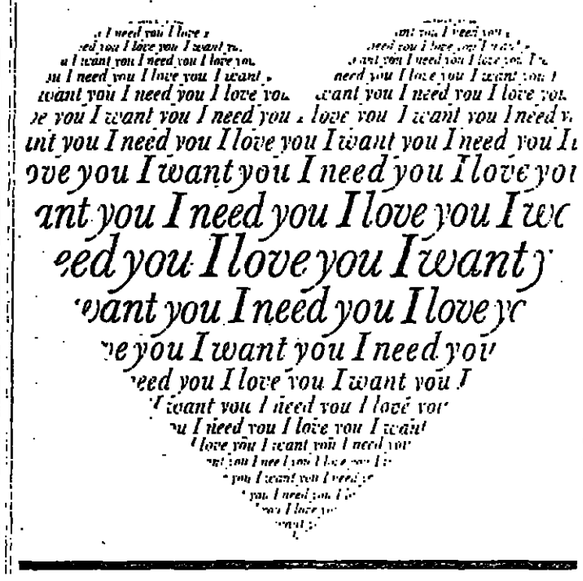
It worked rather well. Two people said they could not smell a thing while two others said they thought they could but the candle smelt better and was masking the burnt pan. Since the smell of burnt pan was as bad as ever the next morning in a room which had been utterly bearable the night before, I decided there was something to the candle. Now I am told that I should have used the Kitchen Candle or Spice Candle, an orange spicy thing in a squat little glass jar with lid, reusable long after the candle has waxed away—it is about £1.40, but is only just about to be put into production so hold your burning habits for a week or two yet.

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■ *The Lover's Companion* is a digest of love, compiled and edited by Elizabeth Jane Howard. I find these collections hard to resist and would think this one well worth £4.95 for a hardback. Its simple jacket is dove grey with red lettering and a flower design. Starting with first love or first meeting, the extracts sing for joy or cry for pain through courtship, anguish, partings, jealousy and death with, like *The Planets*, a note of hope in the last section dedicated to enduring love as much as to last love. Here are many Valentine messages in one book.

Miss Howard must have kept notes of extracts as she found them over the years, as so many of us always intend to do. Shakespeare and Rattigan, Hardy and Graves, Byron and Rosetti, Jane Austen and Browning—they and many, many others have been brought into her cast list. To me, the enjoyment was partly remembering pieces I wish she had quoted, and partly the overt sentimentality of the choice, although love was much understated in the most moving manner in many extracts. There was little humour, which is right since love ceases to be love if all the pathos and longing are drained from it—love can be fun but not funny. Now in bookshops, published by David and Charles, Newton Abbot, Devon.

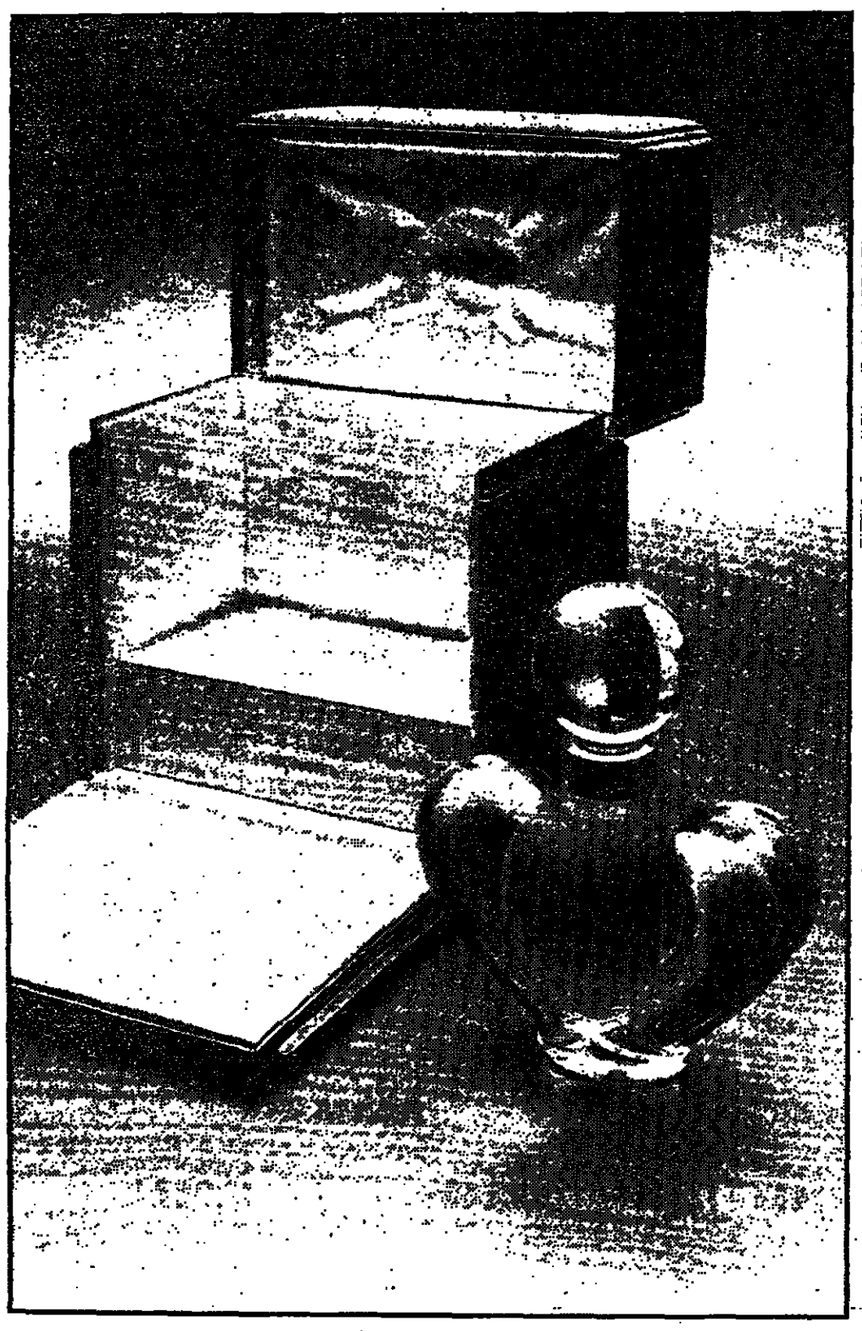
Look out for Millimetre postcards already recommended on this page because some of the special designs are good Valentine's Day messages. "Dear", "Love and Kisses" "Darling", a giant pair of lips, a heart filled with "I love you" and "I need you" sentences and just a repetitive statement of love. All are widely available but Millimetre is at 47 Fleet Street, London EC4.



■ Since writing last summer about the GSR Biofeedback Monitor I have been trying to measure my stresses and strains with the Relaxometer, developed and modernized from a model that has been selling since 1971.

The principle is pretty widely accepted in hospitals and used by many who have been advised that we can all learn to handle stress, to teach ourselves to relax and to lessen the resultant craving for alcohol, nicotine or whatever so that we can also stay healthier. A number of authoritative studies, for examples those of Patel and Carruthers, say that using these aids to coping with stress definitely reduces blood pressure, blood fatty acids and other potential dangers. Speaking for myself, I can only say I find it virtually impossible to get a Relaxometer to scream a warning, instead it spends most of the time with purring or clicking. That in no way belittles the Relaxometer, a well-designed, mini-instrument which would undoubtedly help those who need it—I noticed with fascination that the clicking did almost reach a scream when the telephone rang for the third time or someone asked once more a question I had already answered. There is obviously something to be said for sound warnings of strain and this particular mini-Relaxometer is more reasonable than many at £27.50 plus £2.2(postage etc. The battery-powered instrument comes in a plastic case, neat and tiny. Wires run to an earphone or to the finger wrapping contacts so that you can use i undetected in a roomful of people if yo wish, unlike the type that screams aloud

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leading stores around
the country. It costs £56.50.

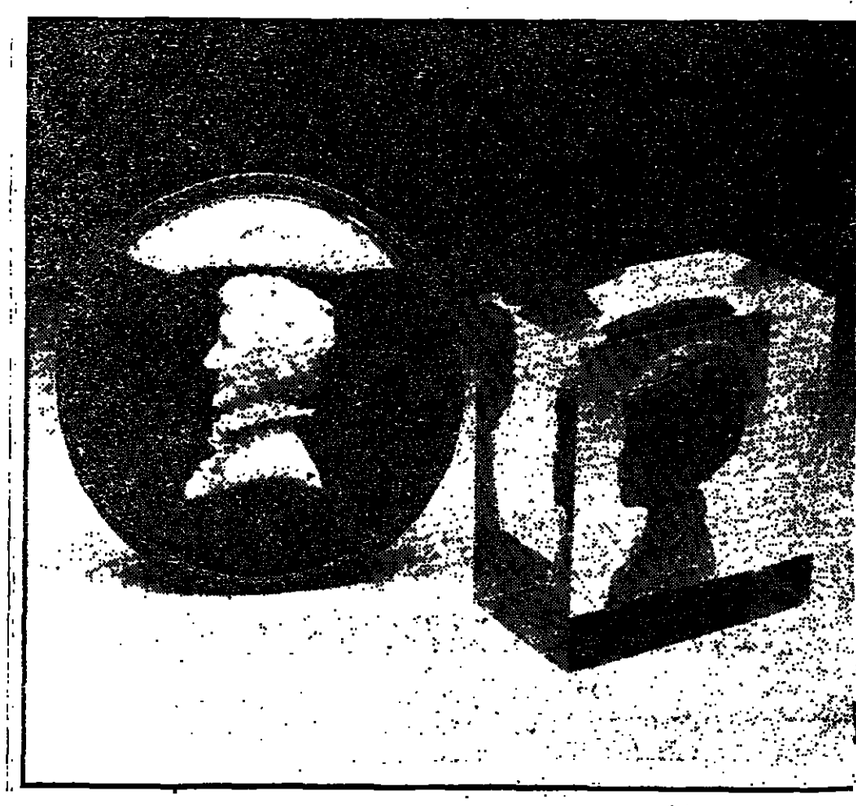
■ Bedlam, the shop for all kinds of original beds, has opened a branch on Piccadilly Station Approach, Manchester, to supplement the popular one at 114 Kensington Church Street, London W8.

As a reminder, Bedlam does very good, not cheap beds and specializes in rather more original varieties such as folding beds, day beds, old-fashioned beds with lovely carved wooden struts at head and feet, and on basic bedding. They sell winceyette or cotton nightshirts and nightcaps of which they thought would be a temporary fashion when first introduced, but which go on selling and selling because the are warm, decent, amusing comfortable, wearable abou the house without dressin gowns and sell at low price Try also mop caps an matching nighties. Leafle available.

■ Constance Sykes is a sculptor who has developed an original way of presenting her work. She encapsulates miniature sculptures in sparkling, clear acrylic cubes or similar suitable acrylic shapes. The effect is original as well as charming. The nice thing is that you get a whole head, in the round, but you can move it around to change the view as often as you like without actually handling the piece. For that reason, you are not involved in either the expense or the long time delay while sculptures are cast.

Each purchaser can naturally discuss the setting and the finish but I found I liked either a natural clay or a terracotta tin The acrylic can be clear all round or on face could be coloured to throw the hea into greater relief. So you can commi sion a full round or a relief bust or hea Children look really enchanting capture in this way.

Constance Sykes also does glass meda lions which are charming—the photograp shows both styles. The medallions are fro around £120 for the first and £25 thereafte while the encapsulated heads are from £13 for a relief or £200 for a full round. Co stance Sykes can work from one sitting plu photographs but prefers more sittings an the time obviously varies from one subje to the next. Contact her at 36 Moore Pa Road, London, SW6 (01-736 3899).



■ I feel that I can write about Canvas Holidays without poaching on others' preserves because I have a sort of proprietary feeling for the Cuthberts, who run the business. I first met Jim Cuthbert about twelve years ago and became the first of many, many journalists to write about his canvas holidays.

Jim's business is based on his own financial inability, even when in a good job, to take the family abroad to the sunshine for a decent holiday. They decided to go camping and laboriously collected all the essentials, then lumbered along like pack mules to their chosen Channel port watching similar sufferers queueing for ferries and places. He then organized two sites abroad and set up tents, equipping them to meet every camping need of which he had experience. Today he runs 42 regular camp sites with an average of 30 tents on each and caters for more than 250,000 happy campers a year. There is also a division called Car Holidays.

Canvas and Car Holidays take all the administration burdens from holidaymakers, handling the bookings (and they are firm ones), arranging timetables, constantly checking the standards of camp sites and the great convenience expected of them by the Cuthberts, and generally ensuring comfort with value. They supply enthusiastic, young on-the-spot couriers to ensure that all stays well throughout.

Of course it costs more than hiring your own equipment and doing all the booking and other chores yourself. But the foolproof departure and arrival schedule, the assurance that you will have comfort and convenience with all the trappings that a canvas holiday in a good tent can offer, and the relaxation of handing over all the complicated work, are probably ample compensation for a premium of something like £50 or £60 per family of four getting three weeks' holiday for about £400 excluding food and spending money.

Anyone who plans to camp for more than two years ought to go ahead and buy the essentials—it makes it much cheaper but does commit you to camping since there is not much of a market for second-hand camping gear. The novice does not always know what to get and what to omit so maybe the best plan is to try at least one Cuthbert holiday before taking the final plunge.

For details of Canvas and Car Holidays in Europe and for special offers write to them at Bull Plain, Hertford, Herts (Hertford 59933). Those with itchy feet or wheels need not stay in one place because some of the packages include the flexibility of camping in more than one place and driving where you will with full insurance and so forth. You cannot book through agencies—direct bookings and no commissions have helped to keep prices down.

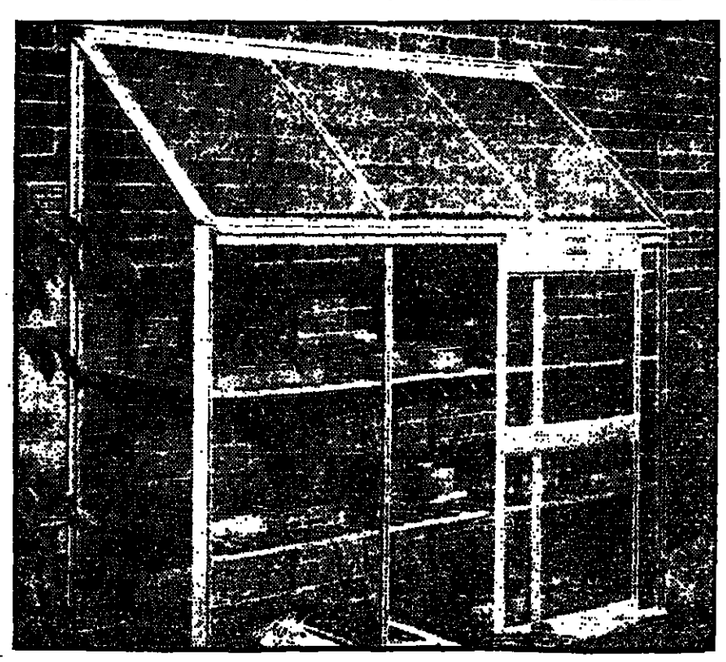
■ Shoppers must buy *The A to Z of Shopping by Post*—£1.95 in paperback and £4.50 in hardback, published by Exley Publications, Kingsfield Road, Watford WD1 4PP, who will naturally post it to shoppers. The book lists more than 900 firms selling everything from egg racks to beds, all categorized under a wide range of subject headings that are easy to look up.

The compiler, Angela Lansbury, makes no value judgments, no personal recommendations but merely lists the products available and includes a lot of those elusive, small firms of which one always plans to keep a note of but never can. Inevitably it can never be entirely up to date because firms go out of business, merge or emerge—I noticed that Eximious, which specializes in personalized suit covers, shoe bags, sponge bags and other packing aids, is missing. But you will find this extraordinarily comprehensive and, while I may have noticed the odd gap, I also found dozens of firms that were new to me. The larger retail groups and department stores have been rightly included and there is a special section for the disabled and another for services.

■ Reject Kitchen Shops hav a reputation for valu and service, so their ne mail order leaflet shoul interest readers. A larg poster contains dozens drawings of things that ca be posted—mostly familia wooden things like eg racks, spoons, cutlery boxe spice racks, spatulas, boar and the rest. You will als find stripey aprons, eg whisks, flan tins, loaf tin jelly moulds, kitchen tow holders and shopping bag A very useful clutch objects useful and fanc They have 11 branches the Buckinghamshire an Hertfordshire area as wel as one in Northampton an one in Swindon where pe sonal shoppers can bu more than the poster show For your nearest Reject Ki chen Shop or for the mai order sheet send 9p stamp t Helen Roberts, Mail Order 125 High Street, Ricksmans worth, Herts (Rickmans worth 71817).

■ The Country Garden catalogue is small, but more than makes up for lack of size by covering a number of useful garden aids that are familiar and useful but not always on sale close at hand in towns and cities. The Beetle bootjack is hideous but useful for the smartest fashion boots, which are even harder to get off than rural wellies. Simply wedge the heel in the beetle's horns and pull the boot off without bending. This cast-iron, giant insect is covered with blue enamel which adds to his incongruity but in no way detracts from his usefulness—he costs £3.95.

You will be able to find little lean-to greenhouses at lower prices than through Country Garden but you will concede that this one is particularly stylish and very good value at £39.95 for the small or £49.95 for the large sizes. The Humex Ventmaster is a ventilation window which is "powered" to open and close by a narrow tungum cylinder filled with a mineral that contracts and expands as temperatures change (£14.95 and a must in the greenhouse if you are likely to be out all day). An excellent cold frame with aluminium frame and Correx plastic "glazing" is £17.95 or £14.95; while a salad frame for smaller gardens, patios or balconies is £15.45, all of tough plastic with a green base and clear top. The Pottagator is a simple, economical heater to use under the soil in most seed trays and it uses little electricity (£7.95) and there is also a self-watering propagator (£11.95) that could convert to a window box if you remove the lid after the sun begins to inject real warmth into soil.



Plant supports are practical for bush tomatoes as they are for herbaceous plants because the weatherproof plastic ring and spokes are soon hidden when the foliage takes over (£3.75). Runner bean supports look rather like goalposts without the netting and are made of zinc-coated, rust-resistant steel tubing giving an eight-feet run by just under six feet high (£7.95). Gro-bag addicts can buy similar goalposts made to size (3 feet 3 inches by 5 feet high) for £6.95 and I think this is probably a first-class idea since support for plants in the shallow Gro-bags has always been a major problem. I have not used the bags because they look so unattractive but I do try to mix soil like the one in Gro-bags and have even used Gro-bag soil, which is terrific. In a vegetable garden, the Gro-bag's functional plainness is well enough but it is not a chic addition to patio or balcony.

The Ballbarrow, an old favourite of mine with the great big football instead of the front wheel so that lawns are not marked and pushing is easy, costs £18.95 or £22.95 and extensions are available. There is also my well-known favourite, indispensable garden tool—the garden sheet for piling debris on before picking it up by the four corners and carrying it to compost or rubbish bin. In this case, the sheet is the robust Humper-Dumper brand at £5.45 for a five-foot square with rope handles. A good broom for leaf-sweeping, weed-pullers, kneeling pads and those gadgets that predict overnight frost are also among a goodly range to order from The Country Garden, PO Box 54, Burton Latimer, Northants.



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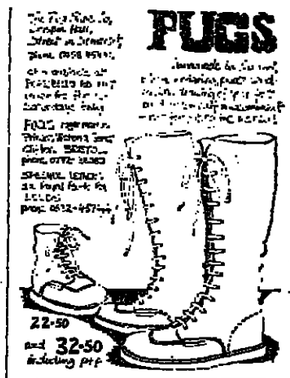
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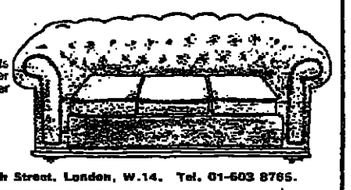
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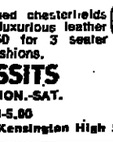
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BIRTHS

COPPING.—On February 2nd, at Bracondale, Norwich, to Joanna (nee Read) and Cedric—a son (Jasper Edward), brother for Dominic and Emily.

de ZOETE.—On February 2nd at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Fiona (nee Roffe) and Simon—a daughter.

KELLY.—On 3rd February, to Birte and Paul—a son, a brother for Gavin.

McLINTOCK.—On January 31st, 1978, at Norwich, to Christine (nee Parlar) and David—a daughter (Anna Kate).

NEWLAND.—On 2nd February, at the London Hospital, to Joanna (nee Shaw), wife of Dr. Adrian Newland—a daughter.

NOSCO.—On February 1st, at the Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Margaret (nee Button) and Peter—a son (John Alexander).

POWIS.—On 3rd February, to Jennifer (nee Thomas) and David—a daughter, sister for Joanna.

TYNDALE-BISCOE.—At Chichester on 2nd Feb., to Jo (nee Andrew) and Sandy—a son (Robin Malcolm).

BIRTHDAY

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DEATHS

ARMITAGE.—On 1st February, Robert William (Bob), suddenly at home in his 78th year, beloved husband of Marigold and father of Rupert and Peter James. Cremation at Salisbury, Tuesday, 7th February, 2 p.m. Flowers to Thomas Free and Son, 22 Salisbury Rd., Marlborough.

BARTHOLOMEW: MAUREEN (nee Doyen), at home in Chiswick on January 29th, aged 46. Cremation to be announced later. Enquiries to Connie Lewis, Seagull Cottage, Fore St., Newquay, Cornwall.

BELL.—On February 3rd, Lady Margaret Frances, peacefully, at Euxton Hall, Euxton, near Chorley, Lancashire, widow of the late Sir Stanley Bell, O.B.E., J.P., D.L., mother of Margaret and grandmother of Michael, Diana, Sarah and David. Funeral private—details later.

CARTER.—On Wednesday, 1st February, 1978, after a short illness, Archibald Raymond Carter, of Misbrooks Green, Capel, Surrey, dear husband of Isobel and father of Neil, Christopher and Roger. Funeral service will be held at The Church of St. John the Baptist, Capel, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, 7th Feb. No flowers please by his request but donations for the League of Friends of Dorking Hospital may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trelis House, Dorking.

CARVALHO.—On 2nd February, suddenly, in Majorca, Gilbert John Nunes Carvalho, loved and loving father, grandfather and father-in-law.

CHIGNELL.—On 25th January, 1978, peacefully, Nora Kathleen (Nan), at Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Vox.

COLLCUTT.—On 1st February, suddenly, Roy James (Jack), husband of Eileen and father of Terence, Bruce, and Charles. Funeral St. Mary's Church, Ewell, Wednesday 8th February, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to Longhurst, Kingston Road, Ewell.

CUSTANCE.—On February 2nd 1978, Kathleen Anne (nee Lloyd), widow of Colonel Cecil Neville Custance, of Dawnfield, Woodbury, Exeter, aged 86 years, in the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wonford, Exeter. Funeral service on Thursday, 9th February, 1978, at St. Swithuns Parish Church, Woodbury, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only and no letters, please.

DYKES.—On 1st February, at Cheltenham House Nursing Home, Swansea, Captain David Dykes, O.B.E., dearly loved husband of the late Jenny, and father of David Wilmer. Funeral private. Enquiries to D. G. Phillips & Son, Funeral Directors, 208 Oxford St., Swansea.

FITZGERALD.—On February 2nd, peacefully, at St. Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, Joseph Anthony, M.B., Trinity College, Dublin. Beloved husband of Gwynaeth and dear father of Brigid. Requiem Mass at The Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Cheyne Row, London, S.W.3, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8th. Flowers and inquiries to J. M. Kenyon Ltd., 74 Rochester Row, London, S.W.1.

GOW.—On February 2nd, 1978, peacefully, Andrew Sydenham Farrar Gow, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, aged 91 years. Cremation private. Memorial Service to be announced.

HUNT, JERRARD.—On February 2nd, 1978, in hospital, of Newstead Backwell, dearly loved husband of Mollie. Funeral service Tuesday, February 7th, 12 noon, at St. Andrew's Church, Backwell, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to Arthritis Research, c/o Arthur E. Davey, Funeral Directors, Nailsea. Tel. 2307.

IONIDES.—On February 1st, at St. Thomas Hospital, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, Michael George Ionides, latterly of Tenby and previously of Ockham Mill, Ripley, Surrey. Beloved husband of Margaret (Peggy) and much loved father and grandfather. Eucharist on Monday, February 6th at 11.00. Funeral on Tuesday, February 7th at 11.00, at St. Mary's Church, Tenby. Flowers only: letters c/o Blaencilgoed House, Ludchurch, Narberth, Pembrokeshire.

KIDD.—On Tuesday, 31st January, suddenly, in his office at Sir William Halcrow and Partners, Berry Cameron, aged 53, brother of Yvonne Craig, of Goleen, Newcastle Road, Kilkeel, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, and of Sally Craig, of 96 Marianne Way, Mount Waverley, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday, 7th February, at 3 p.m. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

LITTLE, JEAN G.—On 2nd February, at Ipswich. Sister at Framlingham College.

McLENNAN, ERNEST (Mick), peacefully on 30th January, 1978, aged 78. Private cremation has taken place.

NIXON, MAJOR SIR CHRISTOPHER JOHN, suddenly on 31st January, dearly beloved husband of Joan, father of Ann, Mary and Sally. Requiem Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, 10 a.m., Thursday 9th February. All friends welcome. Followed by private cremation. No flowers. Contributions to Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, S.W.19.

NORDEN.—On February 1st, 1978, following an accident without regaining consciousness, Heine Norden, aged 72, of 3A Greenaway Gdns., London NW3. Beloved husband of Claire and father of Barbara. Burial at Hampstead cemetery on Thursday, Feb 9th at 11 a.m. Flowers and enquiries to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead NW3, 01-586 4321 or if preferred donations may be sent to the Conference on the Child Under Stress, c/o Leverton & Sons.

POT.—On 31st January, 1978, peacefully, Jan Bart Pot, of 16 Albany Pk. Rd., Kingston upon Thames. Service at All Saints Parish Church, Kingston upon Thames, 12.00 midday, Tuesday, February 7th. No flowers, please. If desired, donations to British Heart Foundation.

PRICE.—On 30th January, 1978, suddenly, at Farnham, Surrey, Merieth Mary, aged 82 years, formerly of The Mount, Winterbourne, near Bristol. Funeral service at St. Thomas-on-the-Bourne Church, Farnham, on Monday, 6th February, at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation at Aldershot.

ROBINSON.—On 29th January, at Godalming, Wilfrid Arthur (Peter), late Stock Exchange, beloved husband of Nano and dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral private.

RUTLAND.—On 3rd February, 1978, Ivy Frances Rutland, of 79 Hamilton Terrace NW8. Funeral service private but, if desired, flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons Ltd, 212 Eversholt St., London NW1 by 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 8th.

SHORP.—On 2nd February, 1978, in Kingston Hospital, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Ernest Alfred (Tony) Shorp, formerly of 113 H.A.A. Regiment Royal Artillery and sometime secretary of Central Uruguay and certain East African railways. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, S.W.14, on Thursday, 9th February, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, please, and any enquiries to T. H. Saunders & Sons Ltd., 28/30 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey, 01-948 1551, but donations in his memory, if desired, to the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society, Palace Gate, Hampton Court, East Molesey, Surrey.

TARRAN.—On 27th January, Geoffrey Athelstan Sinclair, formerly Dramatic Critic, Morning Advertiser. Funeral private, family flowers only, but if desired donations to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 20 Great Queen St., London, W.C.2.

UPTON.—On 2nd February, peacefully at Batchelors Hall, Enfield, in her 93rd year, Hazel Edith, widow of Sir Everard Upton, dearly loved mother of Tom, Jack (killed in action 1940), Shirley and Dick, devoted grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Funeral Little Horsted Church, 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, 7th February. No flowers.

WINSER.—On Feb 2, 1978, Alfred Michael, Cdr. RN (retd), of 38 Maltese Road, Chelmsford, aged 90, the dearly loved husband of Fay Winser, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service at the Church of the Ascension, Maltese Road, at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 9 February. Cremation at Chelmsford Crematorium at 12 noon. Flowers to the house.

WYLIE, KATHLEEN, widow of Francis (Sam) Wylie.—Peacefully on 2nd February.

WYNN.—On February 1st, peacefully in hospital, Gordon (Robert Wynn & Sons Ltd., Haulage Contractors), dearly beloved husband of Hilda, of "Green Willows", Forge Lane, Bassaleg, Gwent, devoted father of Sylvia, dear father-in-law of Keith and loving grandfather of Richard, Robert, Nicholas and Edward. Funeral Tuesday, service in Victoria Ave. Methodist Church, Maindee, Newport, at 1.15 p.m., followed by cremation at the Gwent Crematorium. Family flowers only please or if desired donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation Appeal, Emporium Buildings, Station Crescent, Llandrindod Wells, Powys.

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WATTS, PAMELA JANE.—In precious memory of my darling Mother on her birthday, Feb. 4. "O, for the touch of a vanish'd hand and the sound of a voice that is still."—Joyce.

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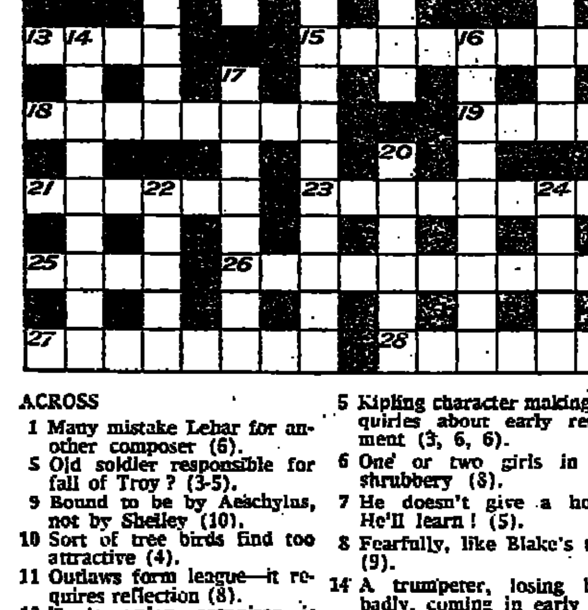
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1 Many mistake Lehar for another composer (6).
5 Old soldier responsible for fall of Troy? (3-5).
9 Bound to be by Aeschylus, not by Shelley (10).
10 Sort of tree birds find too attractive (4).
11 Outlaws form league—it requires reflection (8).
12 Trade union organizer is after me (6).
13 Risky business, a monocle? (4).
15 All that was left for the Ancient Mariner . . . (8).
18 . . . e.g. "a painted ship upon a painted ocean"? (8).
19 If company's included, switch meeting-places (4).
21 Originators, repeatedly, of much African unrest (3, 3).
23 Whereby large figure (not a thousand) takes us in? (8).
25 Parisian who has a point—one doesn't arrive alone (4).
26 A dime a man, this noble fellow's grand shareout? (4, 2, 4).
27 Modern pen, dating from 1752 (3, 5).
28 What capitalist wants to submit to Soviet leader? (6).

DOWN
2 Large vessel from Australia or Tasmania (5).
3 Bags of gold for sailors? They need support (4, 5).
4 Copy Turner—or different lot of pictures (6).
5 Kipling character making enquiries about early retirement (3, 6, 6).
6 One or two girls in the shrubbery (8).
7 He doesn't give a hoot? He'll learn! (5).
8 Fearfully, like Blake's tiger (9).
14 A trumpeter, losing head badly, coming in early (9).
16 It contained Welshmen, unusually sad and off-key (5, 4).
17 Sturdy, but twice broken by article in 24-hour period (8).
20 Like Mary when drunk (6).
22 Without a short horizontal line (5).
24 Had a row, upsetting party—about time, too (5).

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